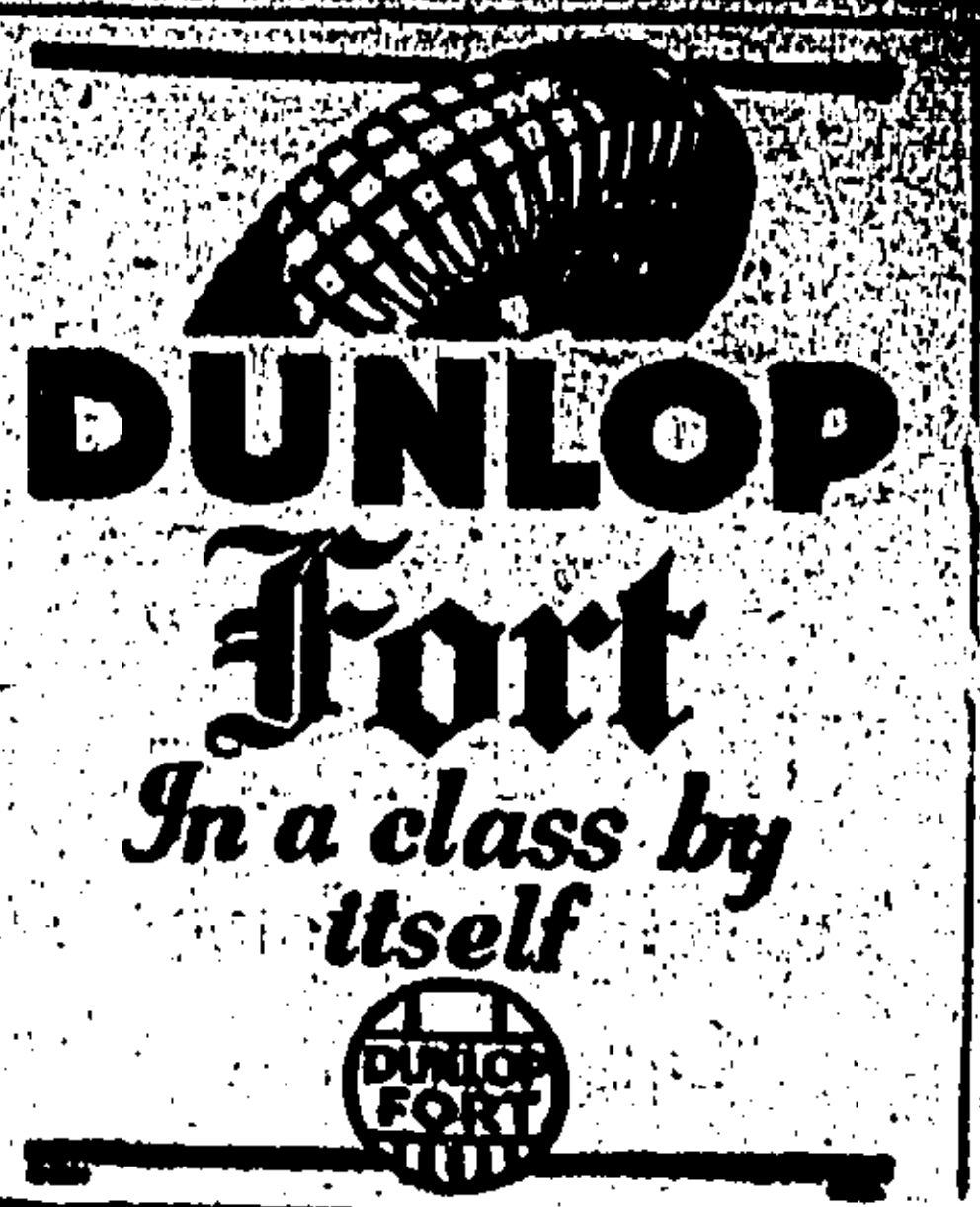


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KING GREETES HIS GREAT FAMILY

EMPIRE LISTENS TO MESSAGE OF HOPE

BRITISH CHEERS ECHO IN SAARBRUECKEN

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London, Dec. 25.
His Majesty the King, broadcasting his Christmas message to the Empire, at 3 p.m. G.M.T. to-day, was heard by more people than any other man in history on an unprecedentedly wide radio relay. Not only did His Majesty's voice reach the farthest corners of the Empire on the five continents, but was received by ships on the seven seas.

His listeners were most impressed with His Majesty's appeal for Empire unity, for the meeting of the anxieties still facing the British peoples in a "restless and troubled world."

It was particularly noted that India was the only member-state of the Empire mentioned by name. His greetings to that great nation were possibly significant in view of the prospective passage in the New Year of the Bill enabling India's constitutional reform.—United Press.

IMPRESSIVE APPEAL

London, Dec. 25.
The British Empire, from the cities and hamlets of New Zealand to the far north posts of the Canadian wilderness from the African veldt to the plantations of the Far East, men and women on the five continents, listened to His Majesty the King's Christmas message broadcast from Sandringham to-day.

The King expressed the hope that his listeners were bound to him and to one another by the spirit of one great family.

He referred to the impression made upon him and upon Her Majesty the Queen by the manifestation of this spirit at the time of the marriage of the Duke of Kent. He was convinced that the British peoples would overcome the difficulties which beset the Empire if they met them together, with the spirit of members of one family.

"For then private and party interests will be controlled by the care for the whole community," His Majesty added.

After giving special greetings to the Dominions and the Colonies, he assured the peoples of India of "my constant care for them and my desire that they too may ever and more fully realise and value their own place in the unity of the one family."

It would be a full reward for the long and sometimes anxious labours of his reign, His Majesty concluded, if he might be regarded in a true sense as the head of a great and widespread family.—Reuter.

EMPIRE LISTENS

Ottawa, Dec. 25.
The broadcast of the King's Speech came clearly to every part of Canada, and the only indication of reception in the Empire broadcast was in the case of India's greetings.

His Majesty's voice came to the Dominion clearly, every syllable being distinct.—Reuter.

RECEPTION MARRED

Sydney, Dec. 25.
The Empire broadcast of the B.B.C. was marred somewhat by His Majesty's message was heard only imperfectly.—Reuter.

IN THE SAAR

Saarbruecken, Dec. 25.
The British troops in the Saar spent a cheerful Christmas Day, Mr. Knox, Chairman of the Governing Commission, visiting the various barracks in the morning, where he inspected the men and wished them a merry Christmas.

The British troops thereafter attended divine service and then marched back to Christmas dinner, after which the men were given leave and the officers and sergeants listened to the King's message broadcast from Sandringham.—At (Continued on Page 7.)

Air Liner Struck By Lightning

INQUIRY INTO LOSS OF UIVER

DUTCH EXPERTS INVESTIGATE

(Special to "Telegraph")

The Hague, Dec. 25.
The Dutch air liner, Uiver, which crashed at Rutbah last week, killing its eight occupants, was struck by lightning, it is now revealed.

The lightning hit the baggage compartment, according to a statement issued by the Royal Dutch Air Lines, operators of the machine, following a preliminary inquiry into the causes of the accident.

After enquiring at Rutbah whether the Uiver was hit by lightning, the crew of the Leuwerik, a machine sent from Amsterdam to the scene of the accident, reported that there were no constructional defects in the Uiver.—Reuter Special.

Siam's King To Reconsider Abdication?

MEETS BANGKOK DEPUTATION

NO DECISION REACHED

London, Dec. 24.
The King of Siam to-day discussed for two hours, at Knowle, Surrey, with the deputation from Bangkok, the differences which caused him to threaten to abdicate, but it appears that no decision was reached.

The deputation intends again consulting the authorities at Bangkok on the issue. Several weeks are expected to elapse before the King's final decision is made known.

After the first interview between the King and the Bangkok delegation on December 13, the spokesman of the Siamese Government stated that His Majesty had received them cordially, adding that there seemed reasons for thinking that the King might reconsider his decision.—Reuter.

DEFENDS LOW BANK RATE

WANTS NO QUARREL WITH SENATOR

(Special to "Telegraph")

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Madison, Dec. 24.
Mr. Karl Crowley, solicitor for the Post Office Department, Washington, to-day defended the order of the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation for the reduction of interest rates paid by the banks of the United States.

He disavowed any desire for a controversy with Senator Glass, who opposes the plan, however.

The Government believes that by reducing the bank rate it will loosen capital, in that those who now bank their savings will seek a better interest in commercial propositions.—United Press.

HONOURED BY HONGKONG

Peking, Dec. 25.
Dr. Hu Shih, famous Chinese philosopher and Dean of the Arts Department of Peking University, is sailing for Hongkong toward the end of this month in order to receive an honorary degree from the Hongkong University. It has been arranged that the investiture ceremonies be held on January 7, after which Dr. Hu Shih will tour Kwangtung and Kwangsi.—Central News.



His Majesty King George V., whose Christmas broadcast message was heard in all parts of the Empire yesterday.

CHINA-JAPAN ACCORD

CHIANG KAI-SHEK IS WILLING

PEOPLE STILL UNSYMPATHETIC

Berlin, Dec. 25.

Herr Wilhelm Solf, former German Ambassador to Tokyo, in a long article treating with the situation in the Far East, declares that the general belief in Japan is that there can be no real understanding between Japan and China as long as Japan's naval inferiority remains formally bound by naval agreements.

He says that Japan desires an understanding with China.

It is not telling any secret, he adds, to say that Chiang Kai-shek

AROUND WORLD NON-STOP

American Fliers Plan Attempt

San Francisco, Dec. 25.
Clyde Pangborn is preparing plans for a round-the-world non-stop flight, with Roscoe Turner, who was his companion in the Melbourne air race, in which they were awarded second prize for speed.

The starting point will be San Diego, and their venture will entail a 17,000-mile flight, during which they hope to fly over New York, London, Moscow and China.—Reuter.

is not averse to an agreement with Japan, but unfortunately the feeling is different as far as the Chinese people themselves are concerned.

The Chinese problem is the real reason for Japan's naval policy, Herr Solf declares.—Reuter.

INAUGURAL VOYAGE

Shanghai, Dec. 25.
The s.s. Mail, the third steamer recently built in England for the China Merchants Steam Navigation Company, is starting on her inaugural journey on the South China run. She will call at Swatow, Hongkong and Canton.—Central News.

HOME FOOTBALL

The results of yesterday's home football matches, in which several surprises were registered, will be found on Page Eight.

H. H. Kung To Visit S. China

STRIVING FOR NATION'S UNITY EMISSARIES AT FENGHUA

Shanghai, Dec. 26.

Interviewed to-day, Mr. H. H. Kung, Minister of Finance, told press representatives that he could be quoted as admitting that it was the desire of the Central Government that he should journey to the Southwest in the interests of national unification, following the return to the capital of Mr. Wang Chung-hui and Mr. Sun Fo.

Mr. Kung said he expected to be able to go to the South as soon as the pressure of work in the Finance Ministry relaxed somewhat.

Meanwhile, it is learned from well-informed quarters that Mr. Wang Chung-hui is expected to return to Shanghai some time to-day from Fenghua, where he has been reporting on his mission to the South-west to General Chiang Kai-shek.

Mr. Ou Fang-pu announced yesterday that he was proceeding to Fenghua shortly to deliver an autographed letter to General Chan Chai-tong, the South-west leader.—Reuter.

S'hai Police Honoured

RECOGNITION BY NANKING

Shanghai, Dec. 25.
The Chinese Government has awarded medals to Major F. W. Gerards, Commissioner, and Deputy Commissioner K. M. Bourne of the International Settlement Police, in recognition of their services rendered in connection with the suppression of the Communist menace in the city.

Medals also were presented to Assistant Commissioner G. W. Gilbert and Superintendent T. Robertson.—Reuter.

LATE MR. TENG CHAH-YU

DEATH BEING WIDELY MOURNED

Canton, Dec. 24.
The death of Mr. Teng Chah-yu, member of the C.S.C. and the South-West Political Council, is being mourned by the whole country. Telegrams of condolence addressed to the bereaved family have been numerous. Among those received on Saturday and Sunday were messages from Gen. Feng Yuh-shiang, Gen. Chang Hsueh-liang, Mr. Yu Yiu-yin, Mr. Wang Chung-hui, Mr. Huang Kok-chu, Gen. Li Lieh-chun, Mr. Tai Chi-tao, Gen. Chiang Ting-wen the Kwangsi Provincial Tangpu, the Kuangtung Provincial Government, the Kuomintang Branch in the U.S., and the Kuomintang Branch in Mexico.

General Chiang Kai-shek, on behalf of General Chiang Kai-shek, paid homage to the late Mr. Teng at the latter's residence yesterday morning and conveyed condolences to the bereaved family.—Central Press.

SINO-JAPANESE AGREEMENT

HOPEI WAR-ZONE CONTROL

Peking, Dec. 25.
Full agreement has been reached on a series of important proposals for the settlement of the ambiguous situation in the ex-war zone in Hopei Province as a result of a meeting held between the Chinese and Japanese delegates at the Hotel de Pekin last night.

The resolutions adopted at the meeting affect the policing of the zone, the retrocession of Malan and the suppression of disorderly elements in the Luanlung districts.—Central News.

POPE PLEADS FOR WORLD PEACE

PRAYER TO DISPERSE WARLIKE PEOPLES

ARMAMENTS WON'T HELP AVOID CONFLICT

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Rome, Dec. 25.
The widely diffused rumours of war and armaments increases were adding to the distress of an already difficult period, declared His Holiness Pope Pius, in an address broadcast from the Vatican to-day.

It is said, His Holiness declared, that if the world wanted peace it must prepare for war—as if one could only see in all these armaments a guarantee of peace.

"If peace is really desired," His Holiness went on, "we should pray for peace. But if there are any who, through a veritable suicidal or homicidal mania prefer war, then it is our duty to utter another prayer: namely, to disperse those peoples who want war."

CHARGES AGAINST ITALIANS

TROOPS ENTER ABYSSINIA

ADDIS ABABA CHARGES

Addis Ababa, Dec. 25.
An official statement issued by the Abyssinian Government to-day declares that Italian troops are engaged in military operations in Abyssinian territory.

The Italian legation here denies any knowledge of such activities.—Reuter.

Since the clash between Abyssinian tribesmen and Italian colonial troops at Valual early this month, there have been strained relations between the two countries and there is promise of further dispute over the frontier question. Abyssinia declares that Italy is encroaching on its territory from the Italian Somaliland side.

ENDING PROFIT FROM WAR

NYE TO DISCUSS DETAILED PLAN

(Special to "Telegraph")

Washington, Dec. 24.
Senator Nye, chairman of the Senate Committee which has been investigating American armaments contracts and whose Committee is said to have disclosed war-time manufacturers' profits from Government contracts of many hundreds per cent on money invested, announced to-day that he would meet President Roosevelt on Wednesday and discuss legislation which would remove profits from war contracts.—United Press.

SILVER PRICES

SLIGHT INCREASE ON MONDAY

London, Dec. 24.
London silver prices to-day were 1/16 up, as follows:
Dec. 22—Dec. 24
Spot 23 1/2 23 15/16
Forward 24 24 1/16
London on New York cross rate at 2 p.m. to-day was 4.94 3/16, compared with 4.94 1/2 at closing on Saturday.—Our Own Correspondent.

The Pope declared that the Eucharistic Congress at Melbourne and Buenos Aires had magnificently demonstrated the faith of the people in these troublous times.—Reuter Special.

HILTER LAUDED

Berlin, Dec. 25.
Herr Hitler's achievements during the past two years, and the care of the State for the poor, destitute and workless, were described in glowing terms by Herr Rudolph Hess, Hitler's Deputy, in the course of a broadcast speech to Germans living abroad.

Herr Hess said the unity of all parties was unparalleled in the world, and Germans had a right to be proud that they belonged to a people who had found its way back to the best qualities of its character.

No victory in arms could be as great as that of Hitler, said Herr Hess. To-day the whole world, as well as the influential politicians of every nation, know that they had to thank Hitler for the maintenance of peace in Europe.—Reuter Special.

Message Of Good Hope

PRESIDENT'S WORD TO AMERICANS

KEEP COURAGE AND HOPE

(Special to "Telegraph")

(By Telegraph. Copyright, Telegraphic Messages Ordinance, 1904. Received, December 25, 11.15 a.m.)
Washington, Dec. 24.
President Roosevelt greeted the nation on Christmas Eve with the expression of a hope that this would be a Christmas of "courage and unity."

Through courage and unity the nation would attain happiness and well-being.

The year, he said, had seen the fulfillment of many things that were the hopes of the year previous, and this year again "we will be entitled to new hopes and anticipations."—United Press.

Washington, Dec. 25.
"Courage" and "Unity" were the watchwords used by President Roosevelt, who, sitting by the fire-side at the White House, broadcast Christmas greetings to the American nation, which, he said, was entitled to new hopes and anticipations during the coming year.
By pressing a button, President Roosevelt illuminated a number of Christmas trees throughout the country.—Reuter Special.

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One of these cargoes is oxygen which the tiny boats load in with when they are passing through the lungs. They carry this oxygen to all the cells everywhere in your body. If these tiny boats went on strike and refused to carry oxygen for even a few seconds, you would perish for lack of this vital element.

Another cargo these boats carry is nutriment from the food you eat. Your digestive organs load up these tiny boats with nutriment, which is carried to all your body cells to repair the wear and tear that is always going on.

Still another cargo these tiny boats carry is gas poisons which are constantly being generated in the body cells. These gas poisons are carried to the lungs where they are unloaded and breathed out into the open air.

Weakness Develops When Blood Count Falls.

A person in normal health has a fleet of about 25 million million of these little boats, which are, in reality, the Red Corpuscles. When the number of these boats falls below normal, the person naturally falls below normal. In health, too, because there are fewer boats to bring vitally-necessary oxygen and strength-building nutriment to the body cells. A low number of Red Corpuscles is known to the medical profession as a low blood count. The lower the blood count the more serious the condition. If your blood count is only 10% below normal it means that you have actually lost more than two million million of these cargo-carriers.

A microscopic blood test will show whether your blood count is below normal. But you can tell without that, by the way you feel. There are symptoms that are associated with a blood count below normal, such, for example, as indigestion, constipation, nervousness, general weakness, pale

lips, poor complexion. A run-down, tired-out, chronically-fatigued person nearly always has a blood count below normal.

If you have these symptoms of a below-normal blood count it would be advisable to take for a while a preparation that has been proven effective in increasing the blood count. In a test held recently by a pathologist at a leading hospital in Canada a number of men and women, whose blood was microscopically examined and blood count found below normal, were given Dr. Williams' Pink Pills for a period of four to five weeks to determine the value of this preparation.

Here Are Some Typical Results.

One woman's blood count increased from 3,600,000 to 5,300,000 red corpuscles in the cubic millimetre of blood. A second woman from 4,100,000 to 5,200,000. A third woman from 4,500,000 to 5,500,000.

One man's blood count increased from 4,700,000 to 6,200,000. A second man from 4,900,000 to 5,200,000. A third man's from 5,000,000 to 5,400,000.

In every case where the blood count was below normal, Dr. Williams' Pink Pills increased it. Naturally the patients in all these cases reported that they felt very much invigorated—vigor and strength increased, appetite keener, nerves better, digestion improved, a keener desire to work and to do things.

What To Do To Increase Blood Count.

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Popular Bird Fallacies BLACK AND WHITE Canadian Business Reviving

ELECTROCUTION "VICTIMS"

ABSURD STORIES

By Angus MacVicar

Only the other day I read in a popular magazine a rather hysterical article making the accusation that migrating swallows are killed by certain firms of tinned-food packers in France and Italy, by means of electrically-charged wires, which are erected in the pathway of the birds so that they may congregate upon them.

Apparently, therefore, this amazingly childish notion, which has been repeated time and again during the last decade, has not yet completely died out, even under the influence of modern scientific knowledge.

Just how a resting bird manages to direct the current through its body, when it is perched on a better conductor than itself, and is not in contact with any other conductor, is not explained. And just how much profit could be secured from the corpses of many hundreds of swallows, after the expense of erecting and charging the wires, is difficult to understand, even if the bodies were not "fused."

Swallows and house-martins rest on telephone wires in Scotland and do not show much discomfort.

Another popular bird fallacy is connected with the swift. In some parts of the country the swift, or devil-bird, is still counted as foretelling bad weather when it appears; but the fact that the swift is a rapidly increasing species is overlooked.

Probably when the swift was a rare bird many years ago, its appearance in certain localities was followed by rain, if the winds which drifted it over were from a wet quarter. But nowadays if rain was to be expected every time a swift appeared there would be a continual downpour.

STORM AT SEA

To many people in the West of Scotland a seagull flying inland implies a coming storm. Certain gulls and other marine birds, may, indeed, be wind-blown inland, and their appearance in unexpected places may be the result. But their presence merely indicates strong winds at sea; for it is during or after a storm that these unfortunate appear.

Even this does not apply to all gulls, for the black-headed gull has increased enormously during the last forty years or so, and is now an inland as well as a coastal species. The bird has simply established itself where food is plentiful, nesting on hills and moorland far from the coast, and feeding with the crows in the cultivated fields.

It is not surprising that myths connected with the migration of birds still remain for many problems baffling even the experts. But the astonishing belief clinging to the cuckoo, which some gamekeepers declare turns into a sparrowhawk in winter, must surely soon die out.

THE BLACKBIRD'S MATE

That anyone should doubt that the cuckoo is a migrant is all the more extraordinary since the bird has enjoyed so much publicity. Paragraphs and columns have been written regarding the so-called discovery of the "cuckoo's secret" by men who certainly would not know the bird if they saw it, and probably know less about the cuckoo than the boy who described it as a bird that did not lay its own eggs.

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AN APPLE A DAY

"AN apple a day keeps the doctor away," is a wise old adage, but to eat the apple without washing it is to take half measures only. Generally, it is not known where it comes from, and how many unclean hands have touched it. There is no telling how long it has lain exposed to the dust and dirt of the street. To rinse it in water is not sufficient; it should be washed thoroughly with soap and water so that all the dirt is removed, and, if it is well rinsed, the soapy taste will not remain.

Townfolk often fail to recognise the difference between the axes of the blackbird, and claim that they have found a blackbird and a thrush interbreeding. The male, it should be noted, is always the "black" bird, while the hens vary considerably in the depth of the brown plumage and in the distinctness of the spots upon the breast. If such a crossing has ever occurred under natural conditions the proof is still lacking.

An often repeated fallacy is that the trustees of the British Museum offer a fabulous price for the nest of a kingfisher, the idea being that it is impossible to move the litter of fish-bones upon which the eggs lie.

As a matter of fact, however, in museums all over the country nests have been successfully mounted.

almost 10% of her population, on relief. This is a weary burden, but borne philosophically, because the need is so obvious and because the average Canadian is sure that continuing improvement will lift the load.

The railway problem is not so easily faced. In spite of improved revenues and drastic economies, the National railway is still costing Canada, largely in interest, over \$75,000,000 per year. Those who advocate amalgamation with the Canadian Pacific, believe that amount can be saved in annual economies.

But without such amalgamation, or a more effective co-ordination, or a great and early increase in population, the Canadian peoples even with the better times in prospect, must face the alternative of an increasing tax bill and in accumulating national debt, a debt which already amounts to about \$4,500 for each Canadian family.—United Press.

BUT MILLION ON RELIEF

BETTER TIMES NEARING

Montreal, Dec. 14.

Business conditions in Canada have shown steady improvement during the past year, and have now reached a point only 6.4 per cent. below the 1928 normal, as shown by October government statistics. Electric power production, automobile manufacture, mining and newspaper are the industries which have shown the greatest advance. Canada, unlike the United States, has not departed to any great extent from the more orthodox tenets of political economy. There is no N.R.A., although the conservative government, which is now in power, has introduced considerable liberal, if not radical legislation.

One of the first distinct steps towards recovery, followed the signing of the Ottawa agreements in 1932. These treaties between Great Britain and the Dominions provided for freer trade within the Empire, and involved in some cases tariffs and quotas upon goods from foreign countries. As a result Canadian products found broader and readier markets within the empire, and while she in turn imported more from the other Dominion colonies, a favourable trade balance was maintained. Considerable trade with United States markets was transferred to England and the dominions overseas.

The Federal government ameliorated the condition of the Western farmer by the formation of a central wheat agency at Winnipeg, to maintain a fair price for Canada's basic export and to prevent bearish raids by speculators and hasty selling by frightened or hard-pressed producers. While this move has, until now, greatly curtailed the wheat export from this country, it has given Canadian farmers a better price, and greatly increased the buying power of the west. Wheat prices are 100% better than at the lowest level, and with the United States supply insufficient to meet domestic demands Canada has found a new market for both hard and soft grains, and at a high price level, in spite of tariff barriers.

LIVE ON LAND

Of every 100 Canadians, 20 get their livelihood from the soil. Throughout the depression years farm products decreased sharply in value, while production maintained a fairly even keel. At the present time the value of the Canadian dollar in terms of foreign currencies is now at a higher level than for many years, and gift edged Canadian bonds are bringing higher prices than at any time since 1911. The interest saving from the new oversubscribed Dominion conversion loan, which sold at an interest rate ranging from 2 to 3½%, will amount to \$14,000,000 yearly.

Due to such savings and other drastic economies, together with considerable rise in customs and other returns, the Dominion government revenue this year so far, has exceeded ordinary expenditure by over \$14,000,000.

There are some shadows on the face of the waters ahead of course. Chief among these are the vast humanitarian expenditures necessitated by unemployment, and the heavy deficit from the Canadian National railways.

MILLION ON RELIEF

In spite of recent improvement, Canada still has a million people. (Continued on Previous Column.)

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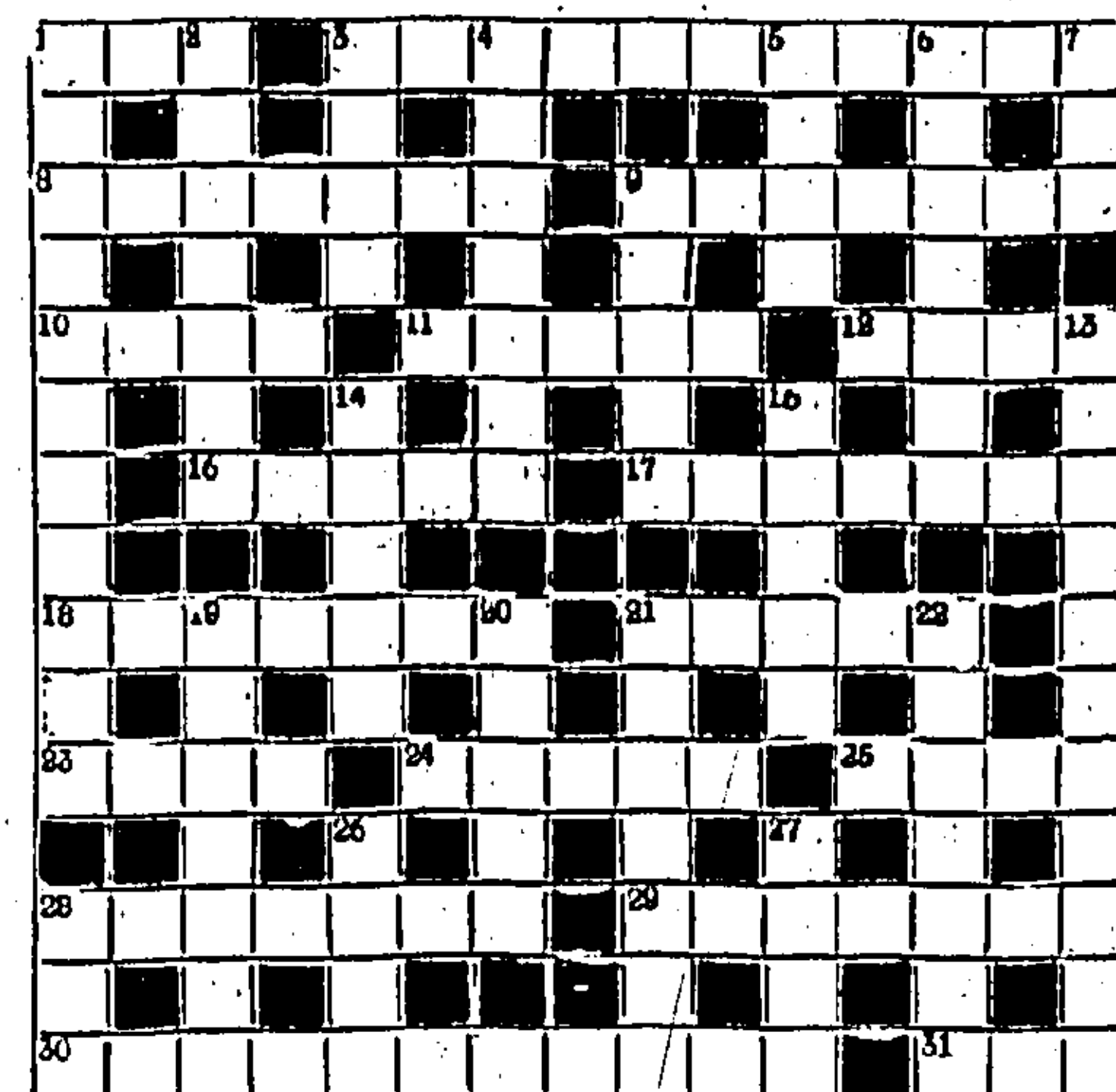
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- List, if you will, to the burden of the river.
- When this crowd is stirred more than one 28 may be seen.
- Prickly seed-case.
- Tip case (anag.).
- Just the garment for an anaemic child, though not in the latest fashion.
- You must admit that the bird couldn't be nearer the edge.
- The fisherman's distance.

Down

- There is old fashioned advice in such introductions.
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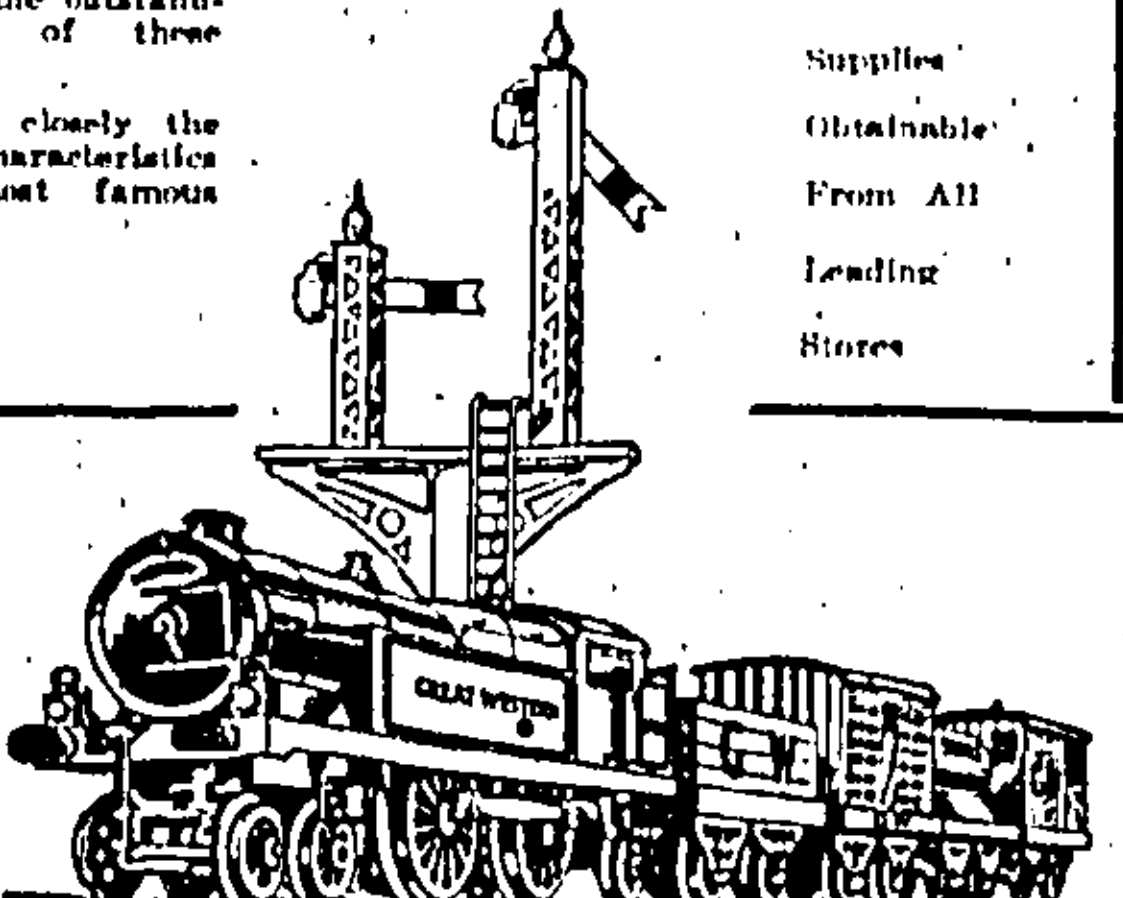
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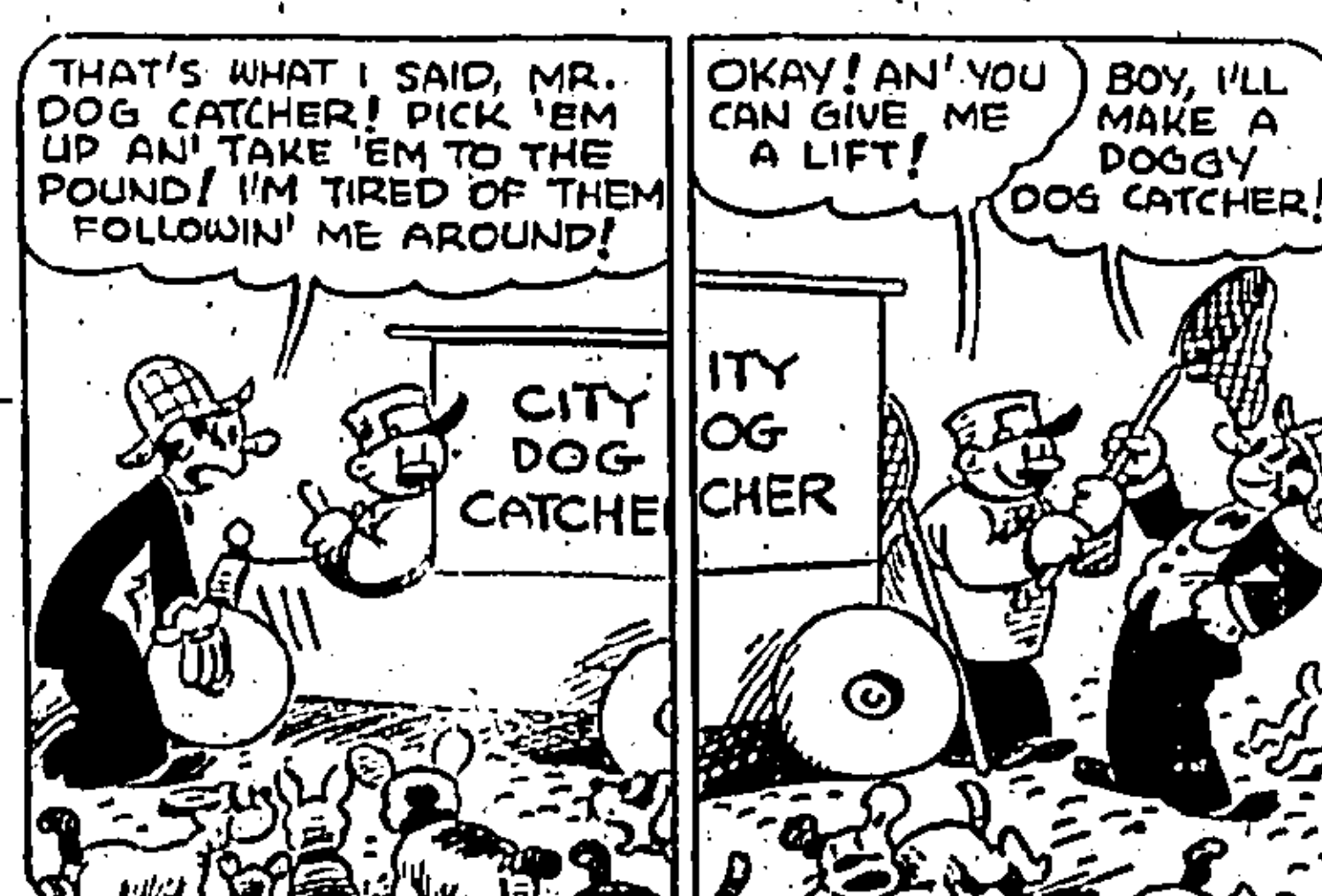


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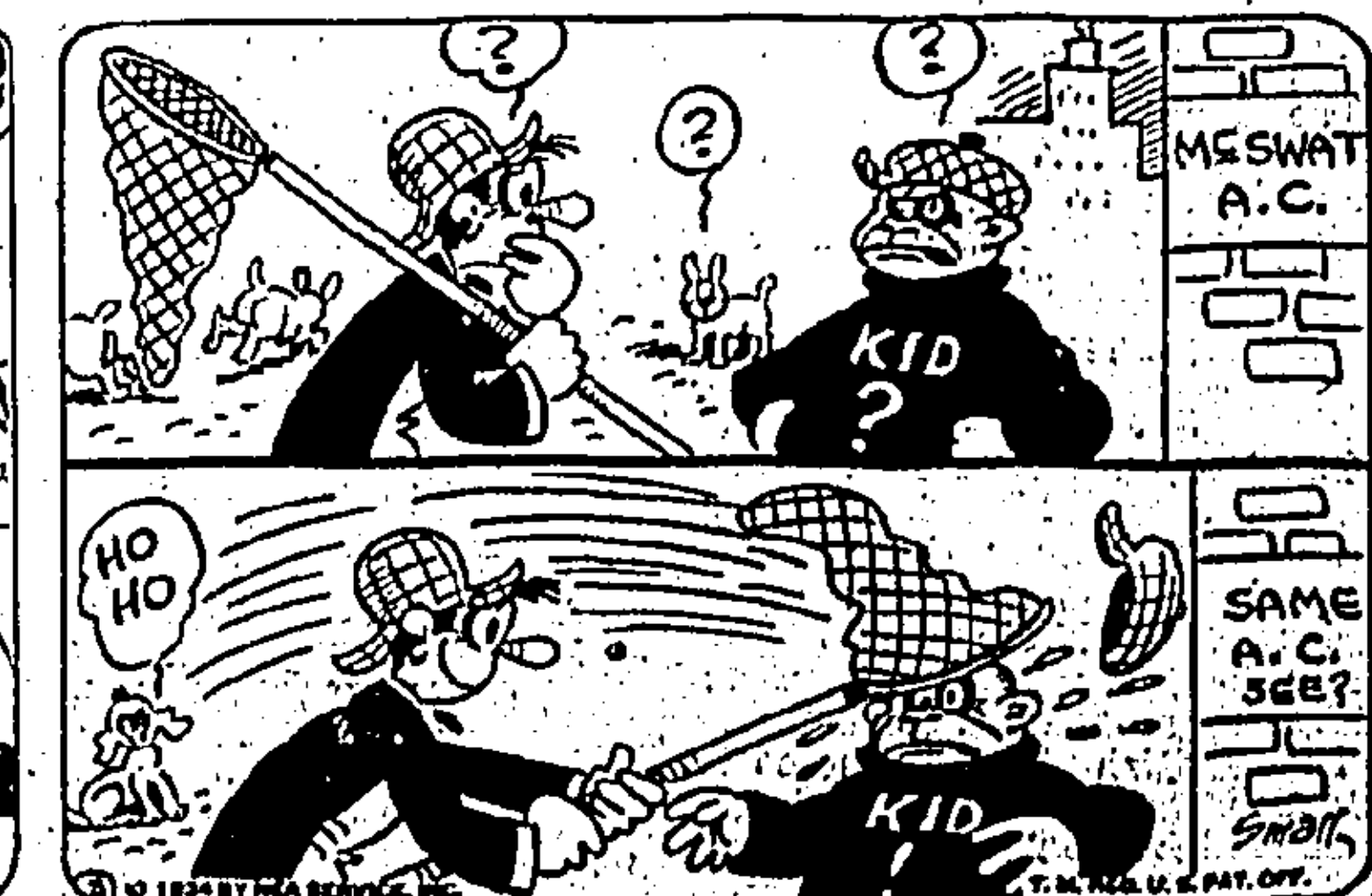
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AMERICA'S SECRET WAR ON GANGDOM CHICAGO'S LAWLESS FELL BEFORE STRATEGIST

By FREDERICK W. CARR

WHEN a fresh move of Al Capone for freedom was rejected a few weeks ago by the United States Supreme Court, the gangster's latest defeat emphasised anew the care of the Government in running him down and proved the possibility of a slip in crime's best defences. The erstwhile "Public Enemy No. 1" would be out on the streets to-day save for a legal blunder. The mistake is costing him nine years in prison. Some of the history of the famous trial which does not appear in the court records is now related by Capone's prosecutor, Mr. George E. Q. Johnson. As the United States District Attorney at Chicago at that time, Mr. Johnson devised and carried through the campaign against the gang leader, both in and out of the courts. Through his strategy the gangster and most of his partners were sent to the penitentiary in probably the most important series of prosecutions of organized crime that America has seen. It is not commonly known how slight was the hold the Government was able to fasten on the gangsters. If the Capone defence had pleaded the statute of limitations in his behalf at the trial he probably would have gone free. Now, for the third time, he has gone to the Supreme Court with the statute of limitations, but it has been too late, and the court has refused him.

"We found it extraordinarily difficult to obtain any evidence connecting Capone with crime," his prosecutor recalled. "Finally, after all our work in questioning hundreds of underworld people, in hunting witnesses for as long as a year and a half, and in developing the best legal argument we could, we had to admit to ourselves that our case against the leader of the crime syndicate was thin."

ONLY ONE HOPE

"Our single possibility of reaching him was for violation of the income tax law, for we could try him only for breaking a federal statute, and there was no other federal law with which we had any prospect of success. But Capone had so cleverly hidden himself in his operations, keeping no bank account, holding no property in his own name, signing no cheques, always working through others, that he was almost invisible and invulnerable."

"A chance raid on one of his gambling houses, however, had once led him to forget himself. Five years before, three courageous residents of Cicero had gone to a justice of the peace, obtained a warrant, and with that in hand had the boldness to raid a gambling joint in their community."

"Cicero is a manufacturing district adjoining Chicago. It was then the headquarters of the Capone gang. They used it as their base in working in Chicago."

"Nothing like that raid had ever happened in Cicero. The gamblers couldn't believe it and stood around dumbly watching while the three citizens began scooping thou-

sands of dollars into sacks and collecting the gambling apparatus for use as evidence.

"Then came a knock of authority on the door. Half dressed, Capone demanded to know the trouble. 'I'm the owner of this joint,' he unannounced. The hoodlums turned on the raiders. They beat and mutilated one and shot another."

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"That single admission of ownership was all the United States Government could find to connect Capone's income with his unpaid income tax. Yet some of his partners, we had learned, took in as much as \$2,000,000 a year."

"The raid was five years old. It was a question whether it was not outlawed by the statute of limitations. This law holds that after a certain time a crime cannot be prosecuted. Whether the period was three years or six years in cases of income tax evasion was then doubtful. The United States Supreme Court had not yet ruled."

"We took our chance and went ahead in the hope of six years. The jury found Capone not guilty on all of the counts against him except one carrying a two-year jail sentence and a second concerned with this Cicero raid. By now Capone would have served the jail sentence and be out."

"The lone possibility of a penitentiary sentence, in fact of a sentence of any length, came through that accidental adventure against crime undertaken by two Cicero business men and a preacher. We knew well how doubtful the Cicero count was because of the liability that the passing of time had outlawed it."

COSTLY BLUNDER

"As the time in the trial came when Capone's lawyers could have argued the statute of limitations, we on the Government's side expected them to do so. It would have been almost the obvious thing. However, to our utter astonishment, Capone's counsel failed to plead the statute of limitations!"

"The law requires that this step must be taken during a trial. It cannot be invoked afterward. Not long afterward the United States Supreme Court decided that the time limit within which a violation of the income tax law could be prosecuted was three years. But the evidence on which Capone's prison sentence was based was five years old. The Supreme Court's ruling of three years would have knocked out the verdict of guilty on the count which sent Capone to the penitentiary for eleven years."

"The hope on which we had based this important part of our case was thus knocked out by the Supreme Court, but once having let slip the opportunity to raise the question of the statute of limitations, Capone could not recover it again."

"His attorneys have been strug-



You've heard of sailors on shore leave going canoeing and busmen on holiday taking bus rides, and here's a parachutist's idea of enjoying a day off. Students in the parachute school at Tushin airdrome in Russia are celebrating a new jump record by tossing one of their co-ed classmates in a version of the army blanket game.

alling unsuccessfully with this statute ever since the Supreme Court's three-year decision. They have been diehards."

SECRET PLANS

Mr. Johnson, as prosecuting attorney, depended upon secrecy to further his efforts. He did not attempt to convict the gangster in the newspapers but in the courts. It would take more than talk to break down the greatest crime organization in the country, the district attorney knew. It would also take much more than silence. It required the most ingenious and persistent study and drive that the federal prosecuting staff could provide.

Running down Capone was war. Chicago did not know it. The quiet-spoken, unassuming prosecutor did not hint it. But from his bleak and rather dingy office in the Federal Building he was for several years directing the demolition of Capone's crime corporation before Capone was brought into court. Three miles away, in the Lexington Hotel, Capone was generalizing the counter-attack. Each studied the other, and each hunted the other.

Witnesses the state had unearthed had to be concealed for their protection. During previous gangster prosecutions the Government had seen its witnesses slain. Hence, after the Government got a good Capone witness, its next task was to preserve him.

KEPT ON STEAMER

One of its strongest was a former Capone bookkeeper. The



A sightseeing air trip ended in disaster and a famous California pilot and three passengers were killed near Los Angeles. W. E. "Tommy" Thomas piloted the sightseeing ship, whose wreckage is shown above after it crashed on a hillside.

OLD MAESTRO TO RETIRE QUITS NEW YORK FOR ITALY

New York, Dec. 14.

The Metropolitan, an Opera company, looks sadly forward to the end of the season because it will be

Government did not risk keeping him in this country pending the trial, but paid the captain of a ship to take care of him, and kept the witness sailing up and down South America for five months.

"If we had told our plans," commented the former United States Attorney, "we should have had, no case. Publicity would have destroyed all we were trying to do. You can't convict gangsters if you tell the newspapers what you are going to do."

"I have seen some crusades against crime accompanied with great publicity fade out with nothing accomplished. The rule I worked on was to seek no publicity, confine what I had to say to what had been done, and to make no prophecies or announcements for the future."

"Our success in convicting gangsters testifies to the soundness of this policy in dealing with our own problem. There were of course many reasons why we did not lose a case that we took up against the underworld. This was one of them."

But while Johnson was puzzling how to reach Capone, Capone was seeking to ruin Johnson. The gangsters investigated their prosecutor, his habits, his relatives, his friends. They sought to call him off by threat and by bribe. They sent high politicians and business leaders to him. They set traps for their pursuer, but always without success.

"Money was simply not a temptation to me," remarked Mr. Johnson simply. "I come of Swedish farmer stock, and my upbringing made the thought of taking money when in office abhorrent. I don't take the least credit to myself for refusing money. It merely had no attraction for me."

Signor Giulio Gatti-Casazza's last as general manager of the famous old "bird cage of Broadway", where for 26 years he ruled as a benevolent despot.

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This English lad is winning his spurs in Hollywood, playing the title role in "David Copperfield." He's Freddie Bartholomew, who's getting plenty of plaudits for his work in the Dickens masterpiece and a nice handful of English money, besides. Freddie draws £35 weekly for his acting.



The "brain trust" which guides the destinies of Soviet Russia is shown in this unusual picture, taken recently as the government leaders stood on the tribune of the Lenin mausoleum in Moscow while K. E. Voroshilov, army commander, addressed troops and civilians in Red Square, on the 17th anniversary of the revolution. Left to right are A. A. Andreyev, land transport Commissary; Joseph Stalin, Communist party Secretary General, real ruler of Russia; Lazar Kaganovich, Senator Governor of Moscow; Voroshilov, War and Marine Commissary; V. M. Molotov, Chairman Union Council of People's Commissars; A. V. Zhdanov, A. S. Yenukidze, and Michael Kalinin, one of the chairmen of the Union Central Executive Committee.

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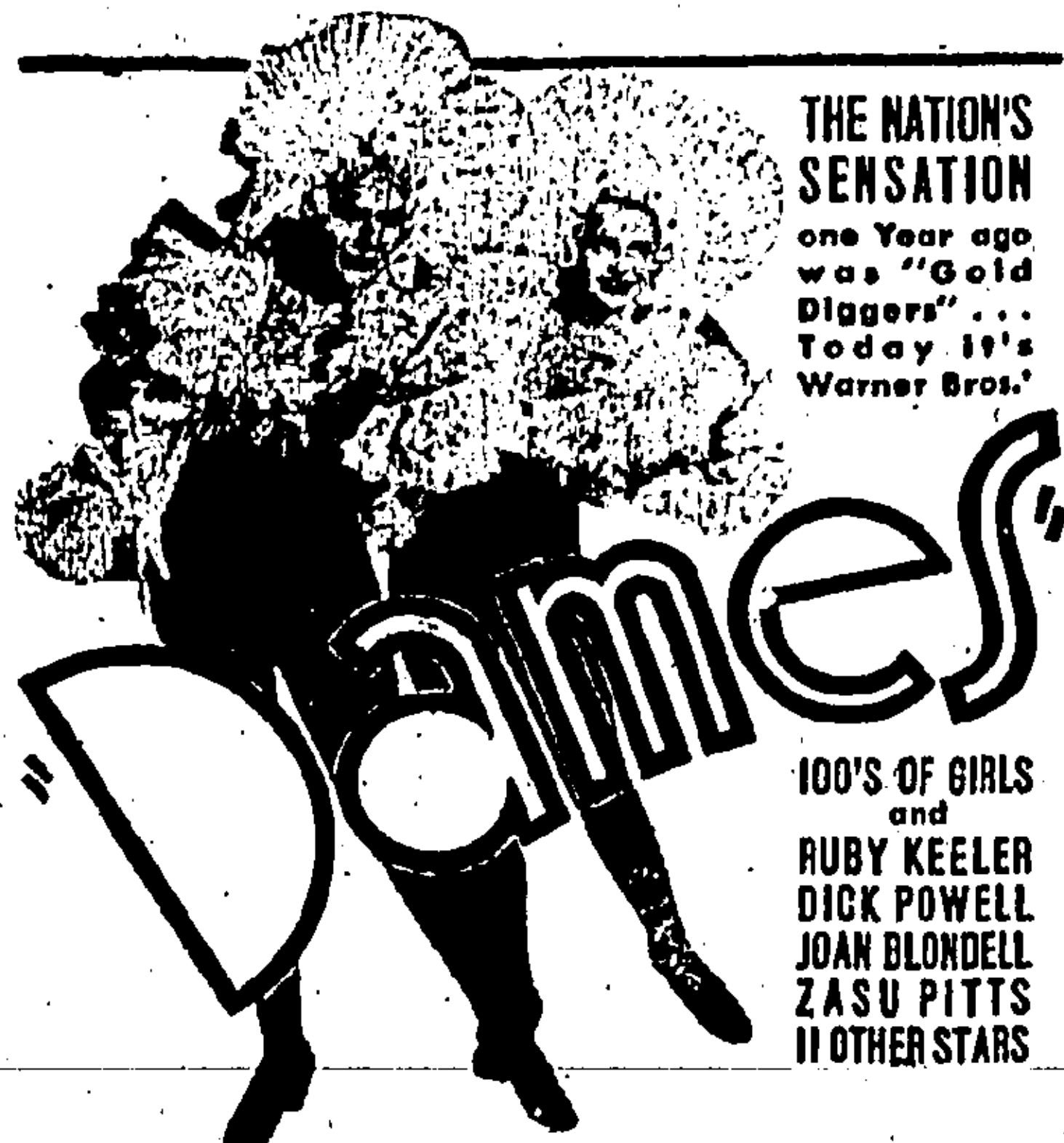
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The Transfer Books of the Company will be closed from Tuesday, 18th December, 1934, till Monday, 31st December, 1934, both days inclusive.

NOEL BRAGA,

Secretary.

Hongkong, 10th December, 1934.

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ANOTHER MISSION

CANTON MILITARY PARTY TO VISIT EUROPE

Canton, Dec. 24.

A party of military officers, including General Tao Yick-him, Vice-Chancellor of the Yin Tang Military and Political Academy, is leaving here sometime next month for Europe on a tour of inspection.

The party is sent and supported by the Canton Government and will study the latest developments of armaments and military defence in the different countries in Europe.—Wah Kiu Yat Po.

LONDON STOCK EXCHANGE.

LATEST SHARE QUOTATIONS

The following quotations on the London Stock Exchange have been received by Messrs. Swan, Culbertson and Fritz in conjunction with Reuters.

British Government Securities

Dec. 21, Dec. 24.

War Loan 3½% redm. after 1952 £108 £108½

Chinese Bonds

4½% Bonds 1898 £103 £103

4½% Loan 1908 £ 99 £ 99

5% Loan 1912 £ 85½ £ 85½

5% Reorg. Loan 1913 (Ldn. Iss.) £ 99½ £ 99½

5% Bonds 1925-47 £ 97½ £ 98

5% S'hai-Nanking Rly. £ 77½ £ 77½

5% Tient-Pukow Rly. £ 30½ £ 32

5% Tient-Pukow Railway (Supl. Loan) £ 26½ £ 27

5% S'hai-Wichow Ninkpo Rly. £100 £100

5% Honan Rly. £ 26½ £ 26½

5% Hukwang Rly. £ 46½ £ 46½

5% Lung T'ing U. Rly. £114 £ 114

Foreign Bonds and Banks

German 7½ Int. £ 64½ £ 64½

Japan 5½ Sterling £ 83½ £ 83½

Japan 6½ Sterling £ 95½ £ 95½

H.K. & S'hai Bk. (Ldn. Regd.) £137½ £138½

Charid. Bk. £ 10 £ 10

Industrials and Breweries

Associated Elec. 24/7½ 24/7½

British-Amer. Tob. 125/3 125/10½

Chinese Eng. and Mfr. (Bearer) 20/- 19/-

Tate & Lyle 101/3 101/9

Courtauld 48/4½ 48/6

Distillers 95/3 94/9

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Internat. Nickel no par val \$ 23 \$ 23

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Turner & Newall 51/9 52/6

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Miscellaneous

Anglo-Dutch 22/6 22/6

Burma. Corn. Rs. 9/8 9/9

Austin Motors ord. sh. 45/- 46/3

Charid. 15/- sh. 20/10½ 20/10½

Gula Kalumpung 10/9 10/9

Trepana Mines 8/9 8/9

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Sub-Nigel 245/- 246/3

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Rubber Trusts 20/7½ 20/7½

S'hai Elec. Constr. 52/6 52/6

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LATEST CABLED QUOTATIONS

Messrs. Swan, Culbertson and Fritz have received the following quotations on the New York exchange for yesterday.

New York Cotton

Dec. 23. Dec. 24.

Close Closing Range

December 12.57 12.46-12.48

January 12.53 12.68-12.69

March 12.65 12.70-12.71

May 12.71 12.71-12.71

July 12.75 12.75-12.75

October (1935) 12.87 12.87-12.87

Spot 12.80 12.80

New York Rubber

December 12.85 12.85

January 12.86 12.86

March 13.08 Market closed

May 13.20 13.20

July 13.45 13.45

September 13.65 13.65

Total sales—

Chicago Wheat

December 89½ 88½-88½

May 99 99½-99½

July 93½ 93½-93½

Saturday's sales—10,284,000 bushels

Chicago Corn

December 89½ 89½-89½

May 87½ 88½-88½

July 84½ 85½-85½

Total sales—5,086,000 bushels

Winnipeg Wheat

December 77½ 78 -78

May 82½ 82½-83

July 83½ 83½-83½

New York Sugar

March 1.76 1.77-1.78

May 1.82 1.82-1.83

July 1.85 1.85-1.87

September 1.89 1.89-1.90

Total sales—14,000 tons

New York Silk

December 1.31½ 1.31½

March 1.31 1.31

May 1.33 1.33

Montreal Silver

December 53.50 53.40-53.40

March 54.25 54.10-54.10

May 54.75 54.60-54.60

July 55.40 55.25-55.25

Total sales—6 contracts

New York Metals

Dec. 20.

Copper March 6.25 Market closed

Tin, March 50.65

Electric Municipal

Vay Ryn Deep 61/3 61/9

Industries 31/3 31/9

Oils

Anglo-Persian Oil 41/3 41/3

Burma Oil 70/7½ 70/7½

Southern Railway (Deferred) £ 22½ £ 22½

Rolls Royce £1 100/- 108/9

Sh. Trans. and Trad. (Bearer) 44/4½ 44/4½

Geldenhuys 27/6 27/6

Crown Mines 10/- 10/-

Chosen Corp. 255/- 257/6

City of Osaka 35/6 30/4½

Sterling Loan — £ 91

POST OFFICE NOTICE

CHRISTMAS HOLIDAYS.

On Tuesday, December 25, the Public Hall of the General Post Office will be closed, but postage stamps may be obtained at the back entrance from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. and the Branch Post Offices will be open from 8 a.m. to 9 a.m.

On Wednesday, December 26, the General Post Office will be open from 10 a.m. to Noon, Kowloon Central Post Office from 8 a.m. to 11 a.m. and the other Branch Post Offices from 8 a.m. to 9 a.m.

There will be one collection from the pillar-boxes and one delivery of ordinary correspondence each day as on Sundays and one delivery of registered correspondence at 11 a.m. on Wednesday, December 26.

The Money Order Office will be entirely closed during the Holidays.

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RADIO NOTICE

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(a) The charge for telegrams to places in China will be based on One Fourth of the ordinary rate and to other places on One Third of the ordinary rate.

(b) The minimum charge for all places will be for ten words.

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Shanghai and Swatow	Kwangtung	December 26
Japan	Naruto Maru	December 26
Shanghai and Europe via Siberia (London, 6th December)	Sauerland	December 26
Shanghai and Swatow	Sunning	December 26
Europe via Suez (Letters & Parcels, London, 29th November—and Parcels, London 22nd November). Calcutta, Straits and Air Mail ex Amsterdam—Handoeng Service (Amsterdam 12th December).	Nalders	December 27
Japan	Talma	December 27
Japan and Shanghai	Toyama Maru	December 27
Saigon	Corfu	December 28
Manila	Felix Roussel	December 28
Japan	General Pershing	December 28
Manila	Lisbon Maru	December 28
U.S.A., Canada, Japan and Shanghai (Seattle, 8th December).	Pes. Coolidge	December 28
Japan	Pes. Jackson	December 28
Straits	Tokushima Maru	December 28
Straits	Ginyo Maru	December 28
Straits	Morioka Maru	December 28
Shanghai	Caleha	December 31
Japan	Andre Lobon	January 1
Shanghai	Bokuyo Maru	January 1
Japan	Hawaii Maru	January 1
Shanghai	Mennon	January 2
Australia and Manila	Nellore	January 2
Amoy	Synthia	January 2
Canada, U.S.A., Honolulu, Japan and Shanghai (Vancouver B.C., 15th December)	Emp. of Japan	January 4
Calcutta and Straits	Hosang	January 4
U.S.A., Honolulu, Japan and Shang- hai (San Francisco, 7th December)	Pes. Harrison	January 4

THE MEANING OF
STATE MONOPOLY

(Continued from Page 4.)

governmental trading and expenditure. It was natural, therefore, that politicians who had control of the spending departments should be continually courted for the favours they could dispense.

However open to abuse the State monopoly system may be, there are no signs that it is likely to disappear, if only for the reason mentioned at the outset—the needs of national defence which are held to necessitate State ownership of an increasing number of undertakings. It is obvious that private enterprise looking for profit wants to build railways which will be economically profitable. The country as a whole, however, has also to think of strategic considerations when the risk of invasion exists. Governments must therefore control, or at least supervise, the building of railroads. Similarly, civil air transport is in general not yet a paying proposition. But it plays a vital part in the organisation of defence. Therefore governments must either subsidise it or run it themselves. The former alternative is increasingly leading to the latter as, for instance, in France, where after years of subsidising, the airlines have now been centralised into a single company under Government auspices. Today, the civil air services are either State-owned or under more or less strict Government control, practically throughout Europe. National defence needs, however, go far beyond transport. Thus France has established a mono-

poly of artificial nitrates which are not only useful in agriculture but also an indispensable factor in the making of munitions. The Polish Government has a monopoly of the fertilizer manufacture of the country for the same reason. Similarly the French Government has a monopoly of industrial alcohol of which it sells some 3,500,000 litres a year at a profit of about 900,000,000 francs. This business is a direct legacy from the War when the Government found itself with huge stocks on its hands. As then, the management of the business is conducted by the Explosives Department of the French administration.

Not all monopolies are as profitable as the French alcohol monopoly. But it has to be remembered that they are not always expected to yield a cash revenue. Their role is sometimes to pay their dividends in a greater feeling of security. Apart altogether from the exigencies of national defence, governments are often forced into business owing to the difficulty of finding private capital for attractive investments. Among the poorer countries, the State is generally the only considerable capitalist in the country. This fact is largely responsible for the post-war extension of the State monopoly system in many lands. Thus, when Mustafa Kemal came to power in Turkey he was faced with the alternative either of inviting foreign capitalists to build the railways which he considered necessary for the country's economic development, or of building them under government auspices. He chose the latter method. In 1923, there were 4,086 kilometres of railway track in Turkey, of which 1,734 kilometres belonged to

the State and 2,352 to private concerns. The Ghazi took over the latter and for several years devoted one-tenth of the total budget to railway construction. Over 2,000 kilometres of new lines have already been built and paid for in this way and the end is by no means yet. But transport is only one of the Turkish Government's industrial activities. It has taken a monopoly of the salvage work in the treacherous waters of the Bosphorus and Dardanelles. It has reorganised the sponge industry, built factories, organised liquor and tobacco industries. Its "five-year plan," announced toward the close of 1933, includes the construction of State factories covering among other things, textiles, metallurgical goods, coal, briquettes, copper, sulphur, cellulose, china, chemicals, petroleum products, electrical power. Private enterprise, provided it is Turkish, will be allowed to participate in most—perhaps all—of these industries. Nevertheless, lack of capital will result in many of them being actually State monopolies, at any rate for a considerable period. It would be easy to continue indefinitely this recital of State monopolies, but for one fact—that the statistics have never yet been made fully available. This does not appear to be due in any way to a wish to conceal. It is the result merely of a lack of curiosity on the part of the public. The subject is, however, so interesting and without so vitally important to a right understanding of the present economic and social trends of the world that it is to be hoped one of the great investigating organisations, will see fit to allocate funds for the purpose of making a thorough inquiry.

CINEMA NEWS

NOTES FROM THE
THEATRES

Creating a "composite picture" of the mental impressions of more than a hundred million people is the exciting directorial task that confronted Victor Fleming, who directed "Treasure Island," adventure classic based on Robert Louis Stevenson's famous book—the most widely read pirate story ever written. The picture is showing at the Queen's Theatre. "This responsibility to the vast number of readers estimated by publishers to have been thrilled by Stevenson's book has resulted in the strictest care in every phase of production for the picture," declared Fleming, director of many other adventure films. The adaptation of the book prepared by John Lee Mahin has been faithful to the spirit of the original even to the extent of actual excerpts from dialogue and descriptions of action. When I read the instructions for scenes I tried to follow what Stevenson himself wrote, rather than to make a motion picture version based purely on the action. In settings, we were confronted with a situation that made attention to detail imperative. The "interior of the apple barrel," "the Stockade," "finding the treasure," "the adventure ship Hispaniola" to most anyone who has read the story and he can give you an exact description from his personal imagination. We have tried to achieve an "ideal" in design in each set that will seem familiar as childhood memories. "Design of costumes has followed the popular conception of pirate garb with a simplicity that will make them seem real and take away any sense of period dress. Other technicalities of the picture such as firearms, cutlasses, cannons and other items in pirate life were prepared under the supervision of Dwight Franklin who is considered to be America's leading pirate authority and formerly with the Museum of the City of New York. All these elements enter into Fleming's direction in which he says there has been a constant fidelity to Stevenson. The author's influence, he maintains, is to be all important in reaching the reading public, and those who are not familiar with the story will enjoy one of literature's greatest thrills on the screen. One of the most wonderful casts of the year stars Wallace Beery as Long John Silver, and Jackie Cooper as Jim Hawkins, boy adventurer in situations that even surpass the appeal of their work together in "The Champ." Lionel Barrymore plays Bill Bones, with Otto Kruger, Lewis Stone, Nigel Bruce, "Chic" Sale and dozens of other character players in supporting roles.

"Aunt Sally"

"Aunt Sally" is a bright and snappy picture which combines exceedingly entertaining mixture of song, dance and spectacle, with lively dialogue. Cicely Courtneidge is the star of this admirable mixture, framed for fun and jollity which moves along at a dancing tempo, and right well does she play her role. Her irresistible foolery, whether as a "cool" French artist, a servant maid, or when she takes part in the rough and tumble of an Apache dance, is undoubtedly the finest she has yet given us in films. Her vitality is amazing in a part ranging from burlesque to knockabout, and her personality impresses its stamp on everything she does. As to the story, that scarcely seems to matter when Cicely's on the screen, but it is concerned with her ingenious never-say-die efforts to become a cabaret star. In support are Sam Hardy, who came all the way from America to play his role of the night club king; Hartley Power and Ben Weldon as gangsters; and Billy Milton, Phyllis Glanville, and Tubby Ciprin. Tim Whelan directed.

"The Merry Widow"

Resplendent in its strikingly beautiful settings and costumes, filled to the brim with sly, ingratiating humour, telling a romantic tale that cannot fail to delight every onlooker, and echoing the never-to-be-forgotten melodies of Franz Lehár, "The Merry Widow" will come on Saturday to the Queen's Theatre as one of the most glorious film treats ever offered by the Metro-Goldwyn-Mayer studios. With a cast that could not be improved upon and the superb direction of Ernst Lubitsch this picture flows along like a bubble of merriment to tell its story of the debonair prince and the bewitching widow whom he waltzes away to romance amid the nocturnal delights of gay Vienna and Paris. Maurice Chevalier and Jeanette MacDonald have never enjoyed greater triumph. They sing the Lehár songs as they have never been sung before, backgrounded by a magnificent symphony orchestra. Una Merkel and George Barbier help in the humorous scenes and the eye-filling dances and Albertina Bass ballet

NEW YORK STOCK
EXCHANGEMARKET FIRM BUT
DULL

The following reports on the New York stock market have been received through Messrs. Swann, Culbertson and Fritz: The Wall Street Journal report on Monday's markets:—The market was firm but dull, some groups advancing as much as two points. Selling was moderate and demand very light, due to November earnings reported to be lower. Stocks on the Curb Exchange were irregular. Bonds were quiet with movements irregular. Wheat was dull but steady.

S. C. and P. New York office cables:

Stocks: Stocks were moderately higher in a dull session.

Cotton: Textiles were active with firm prices. Spinners were more inclined to "spot" buying, based on the close of foreign markets as their main support.

Grains: Wheat: Scattered realising checked advances. The situation here appears sufficiently balanced to render the price trend dependent largely on foreign markets. During the week there was a visible decrease of 2,333,000 bushels. Corn: Weather prospects are expected to increase feeding and retard the movement of liberal purchases. The Argentine has reported a visible decrease of 108,000 bushels. The professional element was bearish.

Dow-Jones Averages:

	Dec. 22.	Dec. 24.
30 Industrials	99.73	100.69
20 Rails	35.41	35.57
20 Utilities	17.00	17.25
40 Bonds	95.10	95.14
11 Commodity	60.51	60.14

17 Leading Stocks

	Dec. 24.
Amer. Can.	111
Amer. Smelt.	37 1/4
Am. T. & T.	103 3/4
Auburn	25
Case	53 1/2
Ch. & D.	94 3/4
El. Ho. & Sh.	6 1/2
Gen. Motors	32 1/2
Int. T. & T.	84
McIntyre	40 1/2
Montgomery Ward	28 1/4
Nat. Distillers	28 1/4
N.Y. Central	20
Socoy. Vacuum	14
Union Pacific	105 3/4
U.S. Steel	37
West. E. & M.	34 3/4

are a joy to behold. "The Merry Widow" is the grandest to come out of Hollywood in a long long time.

"Dames"

Warner Bros. created the motion picture musical. It is natural, therefore, that these same producers should have created "Dames," the most spectacular and certainly the most gorgeous entertainment of its kind ever screened. It overtops even their own "42nd Street," "Wonder Bar" and "20 Million Sweethearts." "Dames" is more than a musical; it is the most vividly staged spectacle imaginable. It is more than a musical spectacle; it is a miracle of camera mechanics and stage mechanism. It has a real plot; more beautiful girls and highly trained dancers than have ever been gathered in any one motion picture; it has six song hits; it has six of the screen's leading stars. It is, undoubtedly, one of the finest pieces of entertainment that has ever come to the Alhambra, where it will open on New Year Day. Joan Blondell, Dick Powell, and Ruby Keeler head the all-star cast, which includes Zasu Pitts, Guy Kibbee and Hugh Herbert, the three leading comedians of the screen. Busby Berkeley was responsible for spectacular dance numbers which really baffle description. Three hundred dancing girls, enacting to catchy music, on mechanical contrivances that move in many directions, with remarkable innovations in camera angles, make the numbers as unique and sensational as they are intriguing and beautiful.

"Caravan"

"Caravan," Erik Charell's unique and spectacular musical romance now showing at the King's Theatre, has its setting in the Tokay district of Europe during the grape harvest. Harvest scenes, therefore, are naturally important in the film, and a big vineyard was built as one of the sets. Charles Boyer, Continental favourite, Loretta Young and Jean Parker have the chief roles in "Caravan."

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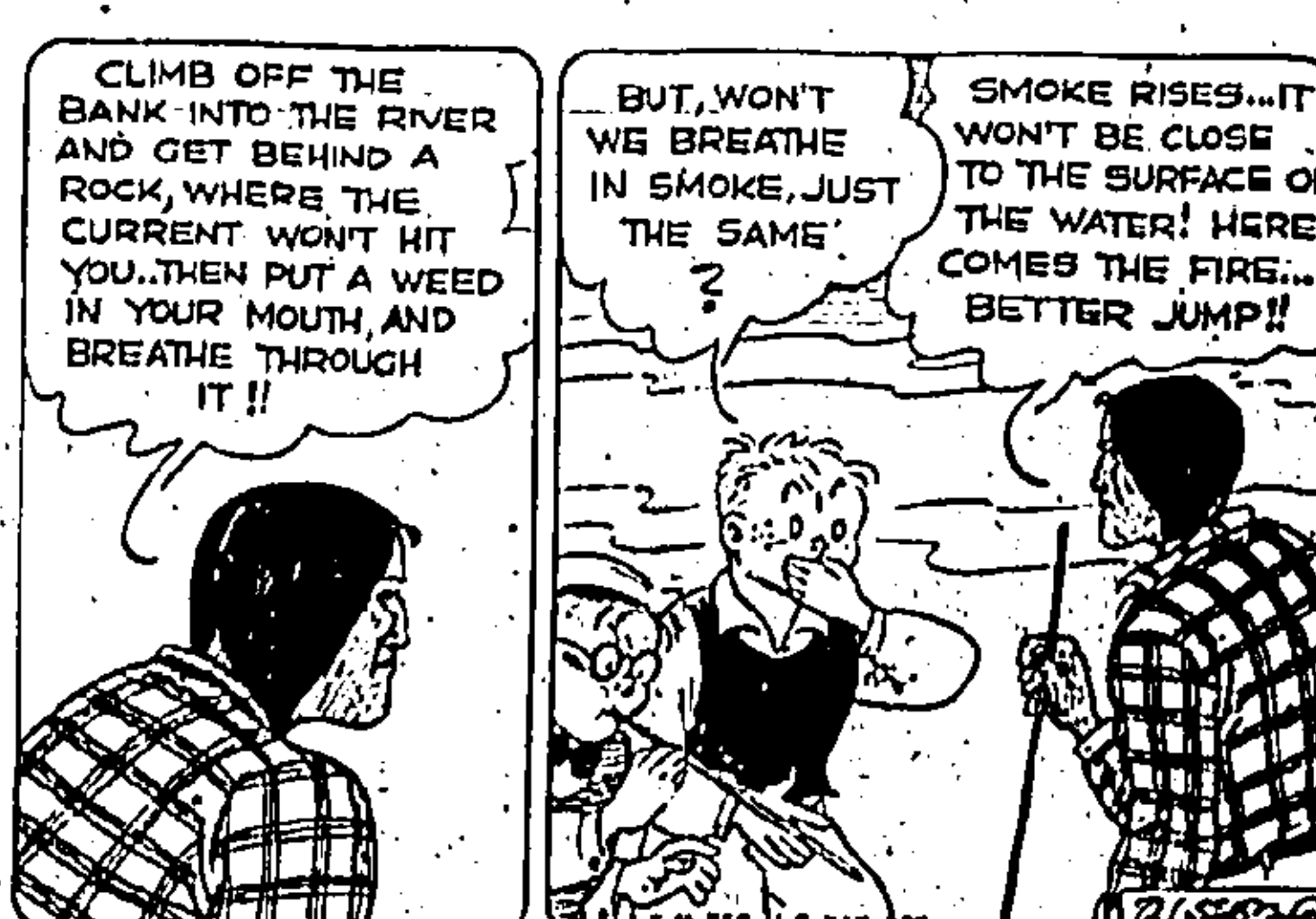
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ENGAGEMENT.

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The
Hongkong Telegraph.

WEDNESDAY, DEC. 26, 1934.

SILVER SMUGGLING

The anxiety being displayed by Dr. H. H. Kung, China's Finance Minister, over the continued smuggling of silver out of the country provides further evidence of the fact that the embargo measures have not succeeded in one of their main objectives, the prevention of a drain on the nation's currency. The mere fact that silver values in China are markedly below the level prevailing outside is a direct inducement to smuggling, of which certain interests have not been slow to take advantage. And the disparity in prices is wholly accounted for by the policy which the Nanking Government has adopted. A great effort is now to be made to check this smuggling, by an increase of fines on those engaged in the traffic and by the offering of big rewards to informers. But measures of this character do not go to the root of the trouble. There have been persistent rumours lately that the Government intends embarking on a policy of currency devaluation, but these have been strenuously denied in official circles. Inflation, it is stated, would not be practicable in China, with its varying currency standards. All the same, past experience has shown that denials of the intended adoption of certain lines of action have on more than one occasion been falsified by subsequent happenings, and it is no doubt this consideration which keeps the present rumours alive. Two reasons have been cited as cause for the existing restrictions on silver exports—the protection of the nation's currency, and the restoration of a more favourable trade balance. Events have, as already stated, shown that the embargo measures have failed under the first of these headings; we have encountered no authoritative statement as to their effect on the trade balance. But it is clear that if China is really concerned on this latter issue, she will have to dive deeper into the problem than the taking of steps to deal with silver. Mr. Wang Ching-wei, the President of the Executive Yuan, must have had this point in mind recently when he stated that the nation's economic difficulties needed fundamental measures for their settlement, such as the development of agriculture, the prevention of dumping, and the development of other resources. Unfortunately, most of these measures would take time to evolve and their effects

NOTES OF THE DAY

CUTTING PROFITS

Wall Street is smiling at the efforts of the United States Administration to put “tight money” back into circulation. The Administration plans to achieve this much-to-be-desired objective by reducing the rate of interest paid by the savings banks. In other words, they will endeavour to discourage saving. “Spend,” seems to be the admonition of the Government, the idea being that by encouraging a greater spending public will result. As for the argument of Wall Street that even if the banks pay nothing whatever people will still put their money there for safe-keeping, because they are afraid of the foundations of business and will not risk their savings in commercial enterprise, that is perhaps sound. The psychology may be truthful when applied to the small salaried man who saves for the rainy day, but it is hardly likely to apply in the same degree to the gentlemen who live on the interest of their bank accounts. It is these gentlemen with the big cash holdings whom President Roosevelt is anxious to pry loose from their wealth.

ITALY'S EXPERIMENT

Italy is going to practice what she has been preaching. The experiment of a forty-hour week for workers is to be tried out until April 16 next year. Overtime is to be abolished in principle. This scheme is the result of an agreement between the Italian Employers' Confederation of Industrialists and the corresponding association of employees. The chief aim is to help with the solution of the unemployment problem. Though the Italian experiment cannot claim to be the first of its kind, the results will nevertheless be watched with the greatest interest in other parts of the world. A shorter working week has apparently played a prominent part in President Roosevelt's recovery drive. Will there be any analogy in the Old World? In Great Britain, a few important firms have been able to take on more hands by reducing hours, without cutting down wages.

OPINIONS VARY

Italy, it will be remembered, was responsible for the question of a forty-hour week, as a part solution of the unemployment problem, being raised at the International Labour Conference of the League of Nations at Geneva. So far, the discussions have revealed a marked divergence of opinion. The workers' delegates have strongly championed the proposal. The employers, as a body, have opposed it. While governmental opinion varies, the majority do not appear to be convinced that an international agreement on the subject would yet be justified. Some say that sufficient information is not at the moment available. Perhaps, when Italy, the United States and possibly a few more countries have the results of their own experiments to record, a more useful debate will be possible at the Geneva International Labour Conference.

BILLION DOLLAR TRADE

Mr. Manuel L. Quezon, slated to be president of the Philippine commonwealth next year, tells interviewers that he will do his utmost to help American business men retain their present \$1,000,000,000 market in the islands after independence goes into effect. But he points out, also, that whether this market is kept depends chiefly on the American Congress. The Philippine Government, he says, will protect the United States with quotas or tariffs if assured of preferential entry into the American market for Philippine goods. This trade with the islands is large enough to be well worth keeping. It can be kept, as Mr. Quezon says, if the United States will approach the problem intelligently. It should not be too hard to find a way of doing it without, at the same time, working any injustice on American producers.

would be slow in developing, whereas the problem is one which calls for prompt action. However, so long as it pays to smuggle silver out of the country, and so long as provincial authorities are implicated in the process, so long will the restriction scheme prove ineffective. It therefore remains for China to devise other measures for dealing with the issue. Inflation would be disastrous. Therefore the most that can be done at the moment would appear to be some well-devised plans for discouraging undue imports, coupled with the removal or amendment of the embargo measures, which have become quite ineffective in producing the results desired.

THE MEANING OF STATE MONOPOLY

By GODFREY LIAS

ONE of the lesser known signs of the change that is in progress in the social and economic structure of the world is to be found in the rapid growth which is taking place in the number and extent of State monopolies. In many countries, apart altogether from the Soviet Union, the system of State monopoly has already driven private enterprise from such important strongholds as the railways, salt and alcohol, the radio, matches, fertilizers, tobacco, air and sea transport and a mounting number of other industries. The Communist experiment in Soviet Russia seems to have acted as a brake rather than as a spur to the movement.

Among the many reasons for the State's growing interest in these matters can be cited need for an increased revenue, lack of sufficient private capital, and the needs of national defence. In countries which are not in a position to raise much revenue by direct taxation, the State monopoly offers a convenient method of making both budgetary ends meet. In industrially backward countries, the private citizens have neither the inclination nor sufficient savings to invest in public companies. Consequently, if large-scale industry is to be started it must either be with foreign capital or under the auspices of the Government.

In the heyday of the roaring twenties of this century American and English money flowed like water into all sorts of good, indifferent and thoroughly bad enterprises in many lands. To-day, however, the stream is dammed. And even if it were not, there has in the last three years been such a mighty wave of economic nationalism that foreign capital is no longer so welcome as it used to be. Economic nationalism, however, is from one point of view merely an expression of a nation's determination to keep its individuality from falling under a foreign yoke, whether territorially, culturally or financially. It is a form of self-defence—springing from the same root cause as armaments. And it is this almost universal anxiety as to the requirements of national defence that seems to be the most potent factor in promoting the growth of state monopolies. While the fear of invasion exists, it is obvious that the question of transport is of paramount urgency. Hence, above all, the fact that in nearly every European country the railways are a State monopoly, and the air lines increasingly so. Great Britain is the only European country in which the State has no part nor lot in the railway business. Sometimes the railways are partly owned by the State and partly by private companies. In most of these cases, however, the State has assumed responsibility for the working of the private concerns. Thus, in France, the State actually owns only one-fifth of the railway tracks. But it controls the remaining four-fifths, fixing freight and fare rates and limiting the dividend payable to stockholders. In regard to the last item the French railways have for some years been losing money and the State has had to put its

hand into the taxpayers' pocket to make up the deficit.

In Sweden the railways are operated under a kind of semi-monopoly system by means of an advisory council under State auspices which controls both privately and publicly-owned lines. In Denmark, on the other hand, the State contents itself with the ownership of the majority of the shares in most of the railway which do not belong out-right to the State. Going outside Europe, we find nationalised railways the rule in the British Dominions. In Japan and China both kinds are to be met with. So they are in South America where only one country, Venezuela, has no State railways. There is a striking lack of unanimity among the countries which possess State monopolies as to whether the management should be in the hands of a government department or placed on a so-called “business” basis. Thus (confining ourselves for the moment to railways), Belgium, which used to employ the former system, has recently turned its lines over to a board of management of 21 members, of whom 18 are appointed by the Crown as possessing suitable business qualifications and the remaining three by the railway employees. Finland, on the other hand, in spite of having transferred most of its other State activities into companies, has so far made an exception in the case of its railways. Germany, thanks to reparations, has a technically autonomous system. So has Rumania. Poland prefers the departmental method. So does Czechoslovakia.

One of the chief criticisms leveled against the departmental system is that if, as too frequently happens nowadays, the railways make a loss instead of a profit, the State budget is “in the red” to a corresponding amount where as if the railways are organised as an autonomous company, the loss appears separately in the railway accounts. Perhaps a more potent criticism, however, is the desire to keep the railways out of politics. It was for this reason that Rumania changed her railways over from departmental to autonomous management three or four years ago. The danger of political chicanery in State enterprises is not of course confined to railways. One of the causes advanced for the downfall of the parliamentary regime in Yugoslavia are responsible for about one-fifth of the total revenue, most of the profit coming, incidentally, from the tobacco monopoly. A list of the Yugo-Slav monopolies includes salt, matches, cigarette papers, petroleum and explosives in addition to railways and tobacco. Thus the State is not only the largest trader but the largest consumer in the country. Among the contracts it has in its pocket may be mentioned coal, metals and rolling stock for the railways; leather, clothing and provisions for the army; timber products and chemicals for making matches and so on indefinitely. Thus the economic life of the country is mainly dependent on

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The Very Idea!

Come—Hic—and Gone

By George

Christmas has come and gone.

This is the sort of deep and subtle remark which comes naturally to our mind after a Christmas.

Another little gem of intellectual talent is this: Christmas comes but once a year.

Unfortunately many other things have come and gone with Christmas—turkeys, good intentions, and depression.

Reports are still coming in of the manner in which the festive season was spent, though so far, only one arrest has been made—that of a well-meaning youth who wished “A Merry Christmas” to a police inspector who was on duty.

The Inspector's reply not coming up to the required degree of warmth, the youth threw himself on the Inspector's neck and, holding aloft a sweet sprig of mistletoe, placed a luscious kiss upon his cheek.

The office presented a gay scene on Christmas Eve as tapins and reporters mixed together—a sort of editorial cocktail—and gave each other cigarettes and Christmas cards. The managers absolutely abandoned themselves to the atmosphere of Christmas and distributed hand shakes and good wishes in a lavish manner.

The shops had a great time and took a good revenge on those customers whose accounts had been stopped. There were several cases of people getting stuff from one firm on somebody else's account in exchange for something from another firm on their own and vice versa.

Of course all this boah is not getting us away from the real issue. You are all dying to know how we spent our Christmas. Well, so are we.

However, with the assistance of the police, night watchmen, and an analysis of the alcoholic content we hope to be in a position to place the salient facts before you by the time that the New Year is on.

DUMB-BELLES LETTRES

By Julius Lowell

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Mr. Allan D.
(signed)



The man at the box office wouldn't allow me in with my Pekingese.

What's In A Picture?

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If you would like, I can be out there for your birthday February 16th.

Your friend,
Jack Tramine.
(signed)



"I don't care if she is your grandmother; I couldn't stand by and let her ruin that turkey."

CHRISTMAS IN HONGKONG

BIG CROWDS AT THE HOTELS

Hongkong entered thoroughly into the Christmas festivities, the various dinner dances and other functions on Christmas Eve attracting large gatherings. The Six Hollywood Blonds, as well as André and Ursula, delighted patrons at the Hongkong and Peninsula Hotels, whilst at Repulse Bay, Yola and Paul proved a big attraction. There were various other functions of a popular nature the same night.

Christmas Day was favoured with ideal weather, although somewhat warm, and many residents spent the greater part of the day out of doors, either on picnics or in recreation. So mild was the weather that bathing was indulged in at several of the Colony's beaches.

There were large congregations at the special Church services yesterday, whilst at night numerous private parties were held.

AT REPULSE BAY

Paper caps, crackers, streamers, trumpets, splendid dance music, festive fare and a temporary return to care-free childhood days. Such was the atmosphere that prevailed during Christmas Eve at Repulse Bay. Amateurs and stars boys again and entered into the party spirit with their charming wives, and made merry in honour of old legendary Father Christmas.

Yola and Paul entertained in entirely new dance creations and the "Brute Dance," a study from the Parisian Apache Quarters, was received with vociferous applause. Requests that it be repeated at the New Year's Eve Carnival were received and will be acceded to. The public are advised to accept the final opportunity of seeing these highly talented Continental dancers at the New Year's Eve Festival at Repulse Bay, where record bookings are anticipated.

The "Grenadiers" Band under the able leadership of Ben Constantino, with his animated saxophone came in for their share of the honours of the evening and dancers were loth to leave when a halt was called at 2 a.m.

Repulse Bay promises to be the scene of jollification, festivity and goodwill when the stage is set for the first appearance of "1935" during the New Year's Eve Carnival.

CHILDREN'S PARTY

Over twenty children of guests, staying at the Repulse Bay Hotel attended a special Christmas tea and party given in the children's play-room at the hotel yesterday. The proceedings opened with the arrival of Father Christmas (Captain F. A. Swaffer), who, with a bag of toys on his back, paraded the lower terraces, accompanied by five minstrels in costume playing festive airs. He was gleefully greeted on his appearance in the play-room, where a Christmas tree laden with toys was the centre of attraction. After Father Christmas had read the various letters which he had received from the children present, he distributed the toys, which had been generously provided by the hotel management and a number of guests. Tea was later served and Christmas games indulged in by young and old alike. Mrs. George Costello was the hostess, and the excellent arrangements were in the hands of the genial manager, Mr. T. J. Mildren.

KING GREET'S GREAT FAMILY

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the conclusion of the broadcast the company joined in singing the National Anthem very fervently, and cheers echoed in the messes.

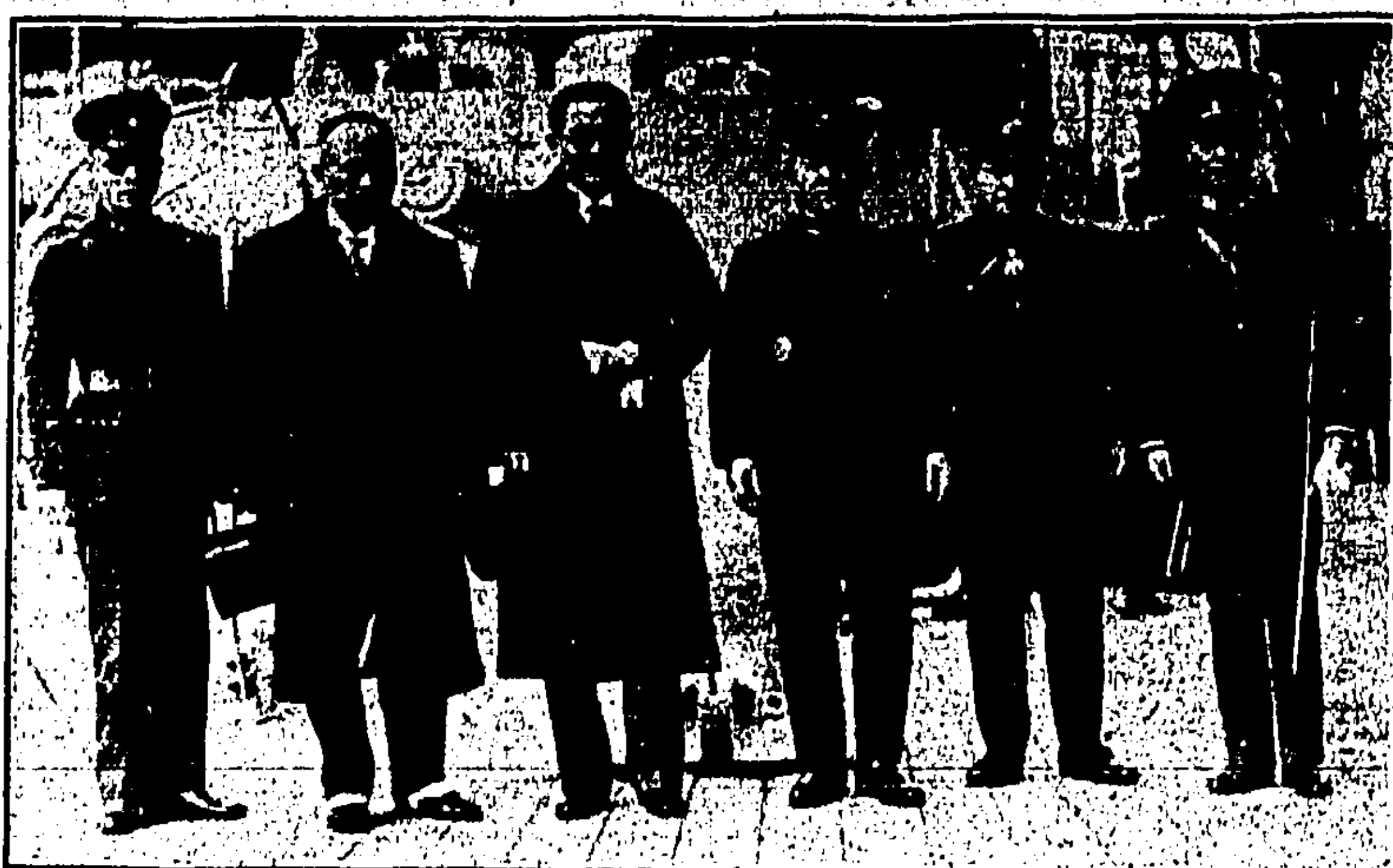
BASELESS RUMOURS

A thorough investigation has showed that the alarmist rumours circulating in the Star with regard to incidents involving troops of the international forces are absolutely baseless.

On the contrary, the troops, particularly the British, are establishing cordial relations with the inhabitants.—*Reuter*.

IN HONGKONG

The reception of His Majesty's speech in Hongkong was unfortunately marred by atmospheric conditions. Portions of the address came through fairly clearly, but generally speaking, His Majesty's remarks were not very easy to follow. The local reception was not nearly as clear as that of the recent broadcast of the Duke of Kent's wedding ceremony.



Mayor Wu Teh-chen and Admiral Chen Chih-lan, Commander of the First Fleet, Chinese Navy, recently paid return calls on Vice-Admiral C. Hyakusaka, the newly arrived Commander of the Third Fleet, Japanese Navy, aboard the flagship Izumo at Shanghai. The Mayor and the Japanese Admiral are shown third and fourth at left.

WAR ON REDS IN KWEICHOW

GOVERNMENT TROOPS MASSING

Canton, Dec. 24. In view of the Communist bandit invasion of Kweichow, General Wang Chah-ling, Chairman of the Kweichow Provincial Government and concurrently Commander of the 25th Army Corps, while making preparations for developing them, has summoned Generals Yiao Kwok-tai and How Tse-tam to discuss matters relating to bandit suppression.

Following receipt of Gen. Wang's order, Generals Yiao and How went to Kweichow on December 19 and at the conference which was later, it was resolved that three regiments of General Yiao's troops be moved to the east to intercept the bandits. After the meeting, General Wang proceeded to Machangping to direct operations.

It is reported that 16 regiments under General Wang Chah-ling are now massing in the area of Chung-on, Sie-bing, Machangping, Yichow and Chin-yuen awaiting the Red outlaws. Three regiments under General How Tse-tam have reached Wu-kong River and those of General Yiao Kwok-tai are on their way towards Sie-bing. The Kwangsi pursuing troops are also pushing towards Li-ping on the border of Kweichow in hot pursuit of the escaping marauders. The vanguard directed by General Liao Lew has reached Chin-ping and effected a junction with the brigade of Kweichow forces under Brig. Gen. Chow Fong-jen.—*Central Press*.

MUSLIMS MEET

ELECTION OF NEW TRUSTEE

An extraordinary general meeting of the members of the Sunni Section of the Muslim community of Hongkong (other than those of the Islamic Union) to elect a new Trustee was held at the Mosque, Shelly Street, on Sunday.

Inspector Fazal Ahmad, who was in the chair, proposed, as the most suitable candidate, Mr. Abbas Khan to be Trustee in place of Mr. Mohamed Akbar, who had resigned and was retiring to India. In doing so, he mentioned the services which Mr. Abbas Khan had rendered to the Muslim community in general and especially towards the preparation and construction of the new cemetery in Kowloon.

The motion was seconded by Mr. M. Abdullah and on being put to the vote was carried unanimously.

Mr. Feroz Ali then proposed a vote of thanks to the Chairman, Mr. Fazal Ahmad, for the valuable services rendered by him since he became a Trustee. This was seconded by Mr. K. B. Sheikh and carried unanimously.

Before the termination of the proceedings, the Imam Sahib, Syed Nur Shah, took the advantage of the occasion to remind the audience that in this, the Holy month of Ramadan, the Holy Quran was revealed, and exhorted that it should be rigidly observed by all the good Mussulmans not only by fasting but also in prayers and charitable actions.

MORE CHILDREN

MUSSOLINI'S REWARD TO ITALIAN MOTHERS

Rome, Dec. 24. Signor Mussolini, in pursuance of his "more children" campaign, has distributed 4,000 lire to the ninety-four mothers who have borne 910 children since November, 1918.—*Reuter*.



While members of the officers Training Corps at the Imperial Service College at Windsor, stood at attention in the drizzle, the Prince of Wales carried out an inspection in spite of the inclement weather.

MILLION DOLLAR SMUGGLER?

CANADIAN HELD IN LONDON

LIQUOR DESTINED FOR AMERICA

London, Dec. 24.

Charges of smuggling £1,000,000 worth of alcoholic liquor into Canada were heard in Bow Street Police Court to-day when a young Nova Scotian, William Alexander Yule, was brought up on a provisional warrant under the Fugitive Defendants' Act.

The warrant accused Yule, among other things, of conspiring to introduce alcoholic liquor into foreign countries into which their import was prohibited.

Yule pleaded not guilty and was remanded in custody.

This action is believed to be related to that against a number of Montreal men who were rounded up by the Royal Canadian Mounted Police, secret service branch, and charged with smuggling alcohol into Canada from the United States. The material thus obtained was mixed with other ingredients and re-exported into the United States, it is alleged.—*Reuter*.

DAY BY DAY NEWS IN BRIEF

THERE IS NO DISPARITY IN MARRIAGE LIKE UNSUITABILITY OF MIND AND PURPOSE.—*Dickens*.

The Manuk Lodge of the Theosophical Society will not hold a public meeting on Thursday, December 27, as on that evening the members and friends will be engaged in removing the effects of the Lodge to the new premises in the Hongkong Club Annex, Chester Road. The Study Class for members and friends will be re-commenced in the new Lodge Room on Monday, January 7, and the first public lecture of the new season will be given there by Mr. John Russell, President of the Lodge, on Thursday, January 10.

WALL ST. REACTION

LACK OF CONFIDENCE ONLY OBSTACLE TO RECOVERY

New York, Dec. 24.

Wall Street is snickering at the expectation of the Federal Reserve Board that a lower bank interest will force funds into business investments.

Wall Street experts point out that if the loss of bank income due to lower interest could have brought about a rally "We would have had it long ago." They say that the reason money does not go into business is simply that there is no need for it. "What we need in order," they assert. Doubtless, they admit, there are vast sums of money eagerly awaiting an investment which will give a better income than the banks do. Such an argument is confirmed by the heavy over-subscription of relatively attractive Government bond issues.

Wall Street says that the Federal Reserve Board's methods are opposed to natural methods, since ordinarily the demand for money comes first. Instead, the Federal Reserve Board is making an effort to produce the money first and find the investments afterwards.

Experts repeat that the obstacle to business recovery will be removed as soon as confidence returns, when the dollar is stabilised and the budget balanced.—*United Press*.

PEACE AND HONOUR

DR. GOEBBELS EXPLAINS GERMANY'S DESIRE

Berlin, Dec. 24.

A special banquet, given to-day to thousands of needy children, was addressed by Dr. Goebbels, Minister for Propaganda.

Addressing the vast concourse, Dr. Goebbels declared "Our State not only speaks peace but is ready to prove its desire for peace by deeds. We do not seek to plunge the world into discord; only to restore to our country's peace and honour."—*Reuter*.

Dr. Jean Krynski, Counsellor of the Polish Legation in Nanking, is staying at the Repulse Bay Hotel on a brief holiday, accompanied by his wife and daughter.

Mr. A. S. Hersee, Shanghai manager of the Hongkong and Shanghai Hotels, Ltd., arrived in Hongkong by the Blue Funnel liner Menelaus and expects to return to Shanghai about January 8.

The Filipino community of Hongkong will hold a tiffin followed by a concert and dance, at Lane, Crawford's restaurant, next Sunday, December 30, in celebration of Rizal Day.

RADIO BROADCAST

DANCE MUSIC FROM HONGKONG HOTEL

EUROPEAN PROGRAMME

From ZBW on a wavelength of 355 metres (845 kilocycles).
12.30-1 p.m. Recorded Music.
1 p.m. Local Time and Weather Report.
1.03 p.m. Recorded Music.
1.15 p.m. Hongkong Hotel Orchestra Relay.
2.15 p.m. Close Down.
4-7 p.m. Chinese Programme.
7-7.30 p.m. Light Orchestral Music.
Fantasia on Melodies of Johann Strauss (Weber).
At the Tchaikovsky Fountain (Urbach).
You shall be the King of my Heart (Stolz).
Entry of the Spring Flowers (Kockert).
Policeman's Holiday (Ewing).
Parade of the Tin Soldiers (Jessel).
8 p.m. Local Time and Weather Report.

7.30-8.30 p.m. Variety.
Vocal-Musical Comedy-Selection.
Orchestra—Love, Life and Laughter.
Songs—Just by your Example.
Songs—Dancing on the Ceiling.
Jessie Matthews (Soprano).
Piano Solos—I'll String along with you.
Piano Solos—What are your intentions.
Raisa da Costa.
Organ Solos—A Very Merry Christmas.
Sidney Torch.

Vocal Duets—All of a Sudden.
Vocal Duets—We just couldn't say goodbye.
Chick Endor and Charlie Farrell.
Orchestra—Talkie Hits—Medley, 1932.
Orchestra—Fantasy—Selection.
Songs—This is Romance.
Songs—It's only a Paper Moon.
8.30-9 p.m. Band Selections.
The Jolly Robbers—Overture (Suppe).
Marche Slav (Tchaikowsky).
Taurer Overture (Rossini).
Selection of Wilfred Sanderson's Songs.

9.17 p.m. Organ Solos.
An Organist's Yuletide.
Quentin M. Maclean.
Medley of Old Time Songs (English).
Sydney Gustard.
Malone (Tenor).
1. Sweetheart Darlin' (Kahn).
2. Love's Roses (Brookes).
3. The Dear Little Shamrock (Jackson).
4. She is far from the Land (Hughes).

9.30 p.m. Reuter Press Bulletin.
9.35-1 a.m. A Relay of the Hongkong Hotel Dance Orchestra.
1 a.m. Close Down.

ZEESEN PROGRAMMES

Special programmes for Far Eastern listeners will be broadcast from Zeesen as follows:

SOUTH ASIA ZONE
South Asia Zone broadcast from DJD, (10.74 metres) and DJN (81.45 metres).
4.15 p.m. DJD, DJN Announcement (German, English).
German Folk Song Programme—Forecast (German, English).
5 p.m. Berlin Christmas Fair.
5.30 p.m. News in English.
5.45 p.m. Bach-Cantatas.
5.50 p.m. Recitation from German Poetry.
6.45 p.m. News in German.
7 p.m. Light Music.
8 p.m. News in English.
8.15 p.m. Close down DJD, DJN (German, English).

EAST ASIA ZONE
East Asia Zone broadcast through DJA on 81.35 metres, and DJN (81.45 metres).
9 p.m. DJA, DJN Announcement (German, English).
German Folk Song Programme—Forecast (German, English).
9.15 p.m. Singing by the Schwarzmeier Children's Choir.
9.45 p.m. News in English on DJA and in Dutch on DJN.
10 p.m. Concert of Light Music.
11 p.m. A German Christmas in the Abyssinian Bush.
Heinrich Fritz Jannach.
11.15 p.m. News in German on DJA and DJN.
11.30 p.m. Dance Music by "The White Ravens".
12.15 a.m. News in English on DJA and in Dutch on DJN.
12.30 a.m. Close down DJA, DJN (German, English).

KZRM PROGRAMME

The following programme will be broadcast from Manila this evening by KZRM:
8 p.m. Studio Musical Variety.
8.30 p.m. President Coolidge Orchestra.
9.10 p.m. Spanish Informational Period.
9.30 p.m. English Informational Period.
9 p.m. All Stars—Jack Parker, Study "Wieland and Harry Brewer".
9.15 p.m. Tabacalera y Cia Programme.
9.20 p.m. No and Noah.
9.45 p.m. DJMHI Programme.
10.15 p.m. Hoties Role Programme.
10.30 p.m. "The Stars", conducted by Bernie Nolasco.
10.55 p.m. Rock Quotations.
11 p.m. Musical Conservatory of Music.
10.30 p.m. Sign Off.

OBITUARY

FORMER SHANGHAI POLICE COMMISSIONER

London, Dec. 24. The death is announced of Brigadier General Clarence Dalrymple Bruce, C.B.E., who commanded the Shanghai Defence Forces during the Chinese Revolution and was Commissioner of Police in Shanghai until the outbreak of the Great War.—*Reuter*.

The late Brigadier General C. Dalrymple Bruce was born at North Berwick, Scotland in 1862, and was educated at Halesbury College and the Royal Military College at Sandhurst. He entered the army in the Duke of Wellington's Regiment when 20 years old, and served in India from 1883 to 1889. He served on the staff of Lord (then Sir) Francis Grenfell in Cairo during the Albara Campaign. Coming to China in 1898, General Bruce raised, with the assistance of General Sir Hamil-

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ton Bower, the famous Chinese Brigadier at Weihaiwei, and afterwards commanded the Regiment for six years. He was dangerously wounded in the fighting round Tientsin in 1900 for the Relief of Peking. Seven years later General Bruce was appointed Commissioner of the International Police in Shanghai, and was in command of the Shanghai Defence Forces during the Chinese Revolution and was Commissioner of Police in Shanghai until the outbreak of the Great War. The late Brigadier General C. Dalrymple Bruce was born at North Berwick, Scotland in 1862, and was educated at Halesbury College and the Royal Military College at Sandhurst. He entered the army in the Duke of Wellington's Regiment when 20 years old, and served in India from 1883 to 1889. He served on the staff of Lord (then Sir) Francis Grenfell in Cairo during the Albara Campaign. Coming to China in 1898, General Bruce raised, with the assistance of General Sir Hamil-

appointed in command of the 27th Brigade of the 9th (Scottish Division). The late Brig. General Bruce has travelled widely in Central and other parts of Asia, Russia, Chinese Turkestan, Russian Central Asia, China, Siberia and in Europe. He has written several books on travel, chief of which were "In the Footsteps of Marco Polo," "A Journey Overland from Simla to Peking," "History of the Duke of Wellington's Regiment" and "Essex Foxhounds."

ARSENAL TAKE COMMAND OF THE FIRST DIVISION

Sunderland's Return To Prosperity

STRONG LEANING FOR THE SCOT

By Frank M. Carruthers

Sunderland have contributed golden pages to the history of the game since the days when they were known as the team of all the talents.

In the midst of a sorely depressed area on the north-east coast they have had to bear many troubles, but under the handicap of dwindling gates they contrived not only to keep going but to build a grand team.

To-day they have their reward. Prosperity has returned and they have their best side for many years.

Sunderland have always had a strong leaning for the Scot. Curiously enough it is now believed that they owe their success to putting their faith in the English player.

The other day it was said, "When Johnny Cochrane went to Roker he thought all the best footballers lived in Scotland, and he quickly got a colony together. But he has been compelled to change his ideas completely and build the team on entirely different lines."

UNCHANGED VIEWS

Mr. Cochrane shook his head when I asked him if he had changed his outlook. "Six years in England," he said, "have not caused me to alter my views so far as the theory and practice of the game is concerned. In many respects methods in England and Scotland are identical. The pace in England is undoubtedly faster, but as is inevitable, the greater speed makes the play less accurate."

Mr. Cochrane believes that the standard of play in England has advanced in recent years, although the fabric of the game has been altered by the introduction of the centre back. "As a Scot," he adds, "I am convinced that this improvement is to be traced to the importation of Scottish players and the beneficial influence which they have exercised."

There is no short cut to success, Mr. Cochrane declares, in English football. The League is far stronger than the competition in Scotland. In England no team, no matter what their standing may be, can reckon on ever having an easy match.

But there are always great possibilities provided a manager has the confidence and backing of his directors and players, and if he has the ability to spot talent in the raw. Add a little luck and a reasonable bank balance to draw on and all should be well.

Ice Hockey Makes Hit

SIMPLER LAWS NEEDED

By Geoffrey Simpson

All the signs are that ice hockey, in this its first really big season in England, has made a definite hit with the public. Attendance figures are being maintained at an encouraging level, and there seems no reason why the game should not win a permanent place in British sport.

I took another look at it the other night—and still liked it—but, once again I was left with the impression that most of those around me were bewildered by the constant stoppages and the substituting of players.

Repeated efforts are being made to educate onlookers in the rules of ice hockey, but I think I am right in saying that fully 60 per cent. are still very much in the dark as to what the referee is about when he stops the play.

SIMPLER LAWS NEEDED

I am sure the offside rule baffles even referees at times. A rink is divided into three zones by blue lines, and a player is offside if he skates over the defenders' line even one inch in front of the man in possession.

As players travel at about 25 m.p.h. the deciding of a question of inches must frequently be mere guesswork.

Stealing an idea from football, why should not an ice hockey forward be ruled offside only when he is behind the back for the reception of a pass?

Football's offside law would simplify ice hockey tremendously and also make for fewer stoppages. And everybody would understand it—which is the main thing.

There are other confusing points in the game, and it would be a good thing if there could be framed a fresh code of laws which the average person could understand.

YACHTING

Mrs. Adams Wins "A" Class Race In Series

On Monday the Royal Hongkong Yacht Club held the Menagerie and separate "A" class race. It was over a course of 6.2 miles, and resulted in a win for Mrs. Adams, piloting True Blue.

Following are the results: "A" Class, Started 14.50
Finished Position
Gull (Miss J. C. Mackle) 10.05.40 2
True Blue (Mrs. D. Adams) 10.05.36 1
Pat (Mrs. E. Elliott) 10.06.10 3

HOME RUGBY

The London Welsh defeated Cross Keys by 8 points to 7 to-day.—*Reuter.*

SUNDERLAND TROUNCED BY EVERTON

BRENTFORD ASSUME LEADERSHIP OF SECOND DIVISION

BOLTON DRAW WITH BURNLEY

Several alterations in the standings of the teams in English Football League tables were caused as a result of the Christmas Day matches.

Sunderland have at last given up the leadership of the First Division to the Arsenal. They were trounced to the tune of 6-2 yesterday playing away to Everton. The Arsenal who were at home to Preston N. E. won by five goals to three.

Stoke City moved down to fifth position as a result of their defeat at the hands of West Bromwich by three goals to nil.

In the Second Division Bolton drew with Burnley with the result that Brentford, who recorded a win by the odd goal in three playing at home to Plymouth, move to the top of the Table, one point in front of Bolton.

The full results of yesterday's matches and the standing of the leading teams are as under:

FIRST DIVISION

Arsenal	5	Preston N.E.	3
Blackburn	0	Portsmouth	0
Chelsea	2	Aston Villa	0
Everton	6	Sunderland	2
Grimsby	3	Tottenham	0
Leeds	1	Manchester C.	2
Leicester	0	Huddersfield	1
West Ham	2	Birmingham	1
Wolves	5	Derby	1

LEAGUE TABLE

P. W. D. L. F. A. Pts.	Goals
Stoke	21 12 1 8 45 33 25
Manchester U.	21 12 3 6 41 33 27
West Ham	21 11 4 6 53 43 28
Liverpool	21 11 1 6 53 43 28
Sunderland	21 11 6 5 46 30 27
Arsenal	21 11 0 4 48 29 28

SECOND DIVISION

Blackpool	4	Oldham	0
Burnley	0	Holton	0
Brentford	0	Fulham	0
Bolton	2	Plymouth	1
Bury	2	West Ham	1
Manchester U.	2	Notts County	1
Newcastle	0	Hull	1
Notts Forest	0	Norwich	0
Port Vale	1	Bradford C.	0
Swansea	0	Southampton	1

LEAGUE TABLE

P. W. D. L. F. A. Pts.	Goals
Brentford	21 14 4 3 55 28 32
Bolton	21 15 1 5 54 27 31
Manchester U.	21 15 0 6 47 28 30
West Ham	21 14 2 5 46 33 30
Notts Forest	21 11 5 5 43 30 27
Blackpool	21 11 4 6 43 31 26

THIRD DIVISION (SOUTH)

Aldershot	1	Bristol R.	2
Bournemouth	3	Exeter	2
Bristol C.	1	Northampton	1
Charlton	0	Swindon	0
Coventry	4	Gillingham	0
Luton	4	Brighton	0
Millwall	2	Reading	2
Newport	0	Watford	1
Queen's P.R.	6	Clapton O.	3
Torquay	7	Crystal Palace	1

LEAGUE TABLE

P. W. D. L. F. A. Pts.	Goals
Crystal Pal.	19 9 5 5 38 36 23
Coventry	19 10 4 5 42 20 24
Luton	20 9 6 5 37 23 24
Charlton	20 13 3 4 51 26 29
Reading	19 11 3 5 47 22 25
Watford	14 10 3 6 36 24 23

THIRD DIVISION (NORTH)

Barnley	1	Tranmere	0
Chester	5	Stockport	1
Crewe	2	Southport	1

The leading positions in the League Table are as follows:

Mansfield	4	Wrexham	
Rochdale	1	Darlington	
Walsall	5	Rotherham	
York	5	Accrington	

LEAGUE TABLE

The leading positions in the League Table are as follows:—

	P. W. D. L. F. A. Pts.	Goals
Tranmere	19 15 4 2 39 15 30	
Hullfax	20 13 3 4 38 25 29	

SCOTTISH LEAGUE (FIRST DIVISION)

Celtic	4 Queen's Park				
Rangers	1 Falkirk				
LEAGUE TABLE					
	P.	W.	D.	L.	Goals
					F. A. Pts.
Rangers	22	15	3	4	61 27 33
Celtic	23	14	3	6	57 25 31
Hearts	22	12	7	3	47 23 31
Hamilton	22	12	7	3	57 35 31
St. Johnstone	22	12	6	4	40 23 30
Aberdeen	23	12	6	0	42 32 29

SCOTTISH LEAGUE SECOND DIVISION

SCOTTISH LEAGUE	
SECOND DIVISION	
Edinburgh	2 St. Bernard's

TENNIS SENSATION

Boussus Defeats Perry In Sydney

Sydney, Dec. 24. A sensation was caused here to-day when M. Boussus, of France, defeated the world's ranking No. 1 player, Fred Perry in the triangular tournament between England, Australia and France.

Perry won the first set, but made constant errors to the next two, which Boussus won with comparative ease. Boussus won, 4-6, 6-2, 5-3.—*Reuter.*

English Tennis Rankings

INTERESTING COMPARISON BETWEEN FRED PERRY AND "BUNNY" AUSTIN

Below are some interesting facts and statistics published by *Lawn Tennis and Badminton* in their November number concerning the official English Lawn Tennis rankings for 1934.

The official rankings were as follows:

1. F. J. Perry	1932	1931	1930	1929
2. H. W. Austin	2	1	1	1
3. H. P. Hughes	3	2	2	2
4. N. Sharpe	4	3	3	3
5. C. E. Hart	5	4	4	4
6. E. H. Avery	6	5	5	5
7. H. D. White	7	6	6	6
8. J. Ritchie	8	7	7	7
9. K. G. Freshwater	9	8	8	8
10. K. G. Chandler	10	9	9	9
11. C. R. D. Tucker	11	10	10	10
12. Miss K. Noel	12	11	11	11
13. H. G. Lee	13	12	12	12

LADIES

1. Miss D. E. Round	1932	1931	1930	1929
2. Miss M. C. Scriven	2	1	1	1
3. Miss K. E. Stammers	3	2	2	2
4. Mrs. M. R. King	4	3	3	3
5. Miss F. James	5	4	4	4
6. Miss N. M. Lyle	6	5	5	5
7. Miss L. Nibbald	7	6	6	6
8. Mrs. Whittington	8	7	7	7
9. Miss J. B. Pittman	9	8	8	8
10. Miss L. M. Hartwick	10	9	9	9
11. Miss K. Noel	11	10	10	10
12. Miss J. C. Ritchie	12	11	11	11

It will be noticed that F. J. Perry retains the top position; and as winner of three of the



Fred Perry.

principal tournaments in the world his position is indisputable. How close H. W. Austin comes to him in merit can be judged by a reference to their performances during the year, given at the end of the article. These statistics show that Perry has overcome 28 players of Davis Cup status during the year in 15 championship or first-class events, suffering five defeats. Austin's record is little below that of his teammate. In 12 representative events he has beaten 26 Davis Cup players, suffering three defeats.

G. P. Hughes, ranked at third, has never been lower than fourth in the six years of official rankings. He has not been beaten by an Englishman this year.

His profession demands his presence abroad for most of the year where he has achieved several noteworthy victories such as those he gained over D. P. Turnbull in Australia (twice), L. Wahid in Cairo, G. Metaxa in Alexandria, M. Bernard and L. Hecht in Paris, M. Ellmer and St. Moritz, and C. H. Kingsley, R. K. Tinkler and R. J. Ritchie at Budleigh. He has fallen

THE FORM OF THE LADIES

Miss D. E. Round's victory in the ladies' singles championship at Wimbledon necessarily gains her the first place in the ladies' list. If confirmation were wanted that she is Great Britain's best lady player one could mention her victories over practically every other English ranked lady during the season, Miss Stammers in Jamaica and at Bournemouth, Miss Scriven at Bournemouth, Miss Nuthall at West Side, Mrs. M. R. King at Bournemouth and Wimbledon, Mrs. Whittington at Bournemouth, and Miss James at West Side, Bournemouth and the Priory tournaments.

Miss M. C. Scriven, French lady champion for the second year in succession, has a record second only to Miss Round, with three defeats only at the hands of English women.

Miss K. E. Stammers has had her best season in her short career, and steps up one place to third. Miss Round alone of English ladies has beaten her during the year—at Bournemouth and in Jamaica.

Miss F. James has made the greatest progress of any English lady during the season and has been awarded fifth position, an advance of seven places. She has only suffered defeat from two English tournaments, and Miss Stammers twice in America.

PERRY'S MATCHES

We give below the results of F. J. Perry's chief matches during the year:—
 H. A. K. Quist, Melbourne, 6-3 6-2.
 H. H. C. Hopman, Hobart, 9-7 and by 6-1 9-7.
 H. H. C. Hopman, Australian Championships, 6-3 6-4 6-3.
 H. V. H. McGrath, Australian Championships, 2-6 6-7 6-4 6-1.
 H. J. Crawford, Australian Championships, 6-3 7-5 6-1.
 J. Crawford, Adelaide, 6-4 6-2.
 H. H. C. Hopman, Perth, 6-7 6-3.
 A. K. Quist, Perth, 6-2 7-5.
 Venus F. V. Ishii, Bombay, 6-6 7-5.
 H. C. R. D. Tucker, Middlesex v. Surrey, 7-5 6-1.
 H. P. V. Sherwood, Middlesex v. Surrey, 6-0 6-1.
 H. C. R. D. Tucker, Bournemouth, 6-1 6-4 3-6 6-1.
 H. C. E. Maleny, Bournemouth, 6-4 2-6 6-1 6-0.
 H. H. C. Hopman, Bournemouth, 6-2 6-1 6-2.
 H. V. H. McGrath, Bournemouth, 7-5 6-1 6-3.
 H. J. Crawford, Bournemouth, 6-4 7-5 6-1.
 H. A. Merlin, I. C. Match, Paris, 6-0 9-7.
 H. J. Crawford, Paris, 6-1 6-1 6-1.
 H. F. Merlin, Paris, 6-2 6-1 6-4.
 H. H. C. Hopman, Paris, 6-2 6-3 6-3.
 H. C. R. D. Tucker, Wimbledon, 6-2 6-3 6-0.
 H. H. C. Hopman, Wimbledon, 6-2 6-3 6-0.
 A. K. Quist, Wimbledon, 6-4 6-2 7-5 10-8.
 H. H. C. Hopman, Wimbledon, 6-3 5-7 6-7 6-1.
 J. Crawford, Wimbledon, 6-3 6-0 6-0.
 H. J. Fullkirk, Great Britain v. Japan, Eastbourne, 6-1 2-6 6-4 10-8.
 H. J. Crawford, Great Britain v. Japan, Eastbourne, 6-7 6-1 6-3 7-5.
 H. P. K. Sheldrake, Davis Cup Challenge Round, 6-4 6-7 6-0 6-3.
 H. P. K. Sheldrake, Exhibition, Newcastle, 6-2 6-6 7-5.
 A. Talbot, American Championship, 6-3 6-1 6-4.
 C. Schwenckardt, American Championship, 6-0 6-1 6-3.
 H. M. Duxbury, American Championships, 6-3 6-1 6-4.
 H. E. W. Fehleman, American Championships, 6-4 6-2 6-1.
 C. B. Sutter, American Championships, 6-3 6-0 6-2.
 H. V. H. McGrath, American Championships, 6-2 6-4 6-2.
 H. W. L. Allison, American Championships, 6-4 6-2 6-4 6-2.
 H. W. Hines, Los Angeles, 6-4 6-2.
 H. G. M. Lott, Los Angeles, 6-0 6-4 6-2.
 H. J. van Tien, Los Angeles, 7-6 7-5 6-1.
 H. L. Stofen, Los Angeles, 10-6 6-4 6-3.
 M. Kennelly, Berkeley, California, 6-3 6-0.
 H. G. Mako, Berkeley, California, 2-6 6-4 6-0.
 H. E. G. Chandler, Berkeley, California, 6-4 6-4 6-4 1-6 6-5 1-12.
 H. D. Dudge, Berkeley, California, 2-6 6-4 7-5 1-6 7-5.
 C. G. Angus, Christchurch, N.Z., 7-9 6-1 6-0.

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SATURDAY: ALHAMBRA

CHINA'S FINANCE

SUFFERS FROM AMERICA'S SILVER BUYING PLAN

Shanghai, Dec. 24.

The rumour that the Chinese Government is negotiating with Washington for exchanging Chinese silver with U.S. gold has been emphatically denied by a government spokesman, interviewed here this morning.

He admitted that China has been much affected by the continued drain of silver from the country, since the U.S. Government adopted their silver buying policy. The only way for the Nanking Government to handle the situation is to adopt rigid measures for preventing the smuggling of silver as an emergency solution; while for fundamental solution the Government must seek assistance from U.S. Government for modifying their buying policy.

Sometime in September this year a note has been sent to Mr. Hull, the U.S. Secretary of State, through the Chinese Minister at Washington, in which the Nanking Government drew the attention of the Washington Government that China might abandon the silver standard if foreign countries continue to drain silver from China. Later an official reply was received at Nanking. Although the contents of the reply has not been published, it is understood that the Washington Government has promised to consider the suggestion to modify their buying schedule from China.

Until recently the U.S. Government have not been carrying out their promise, so the Nanking Government again remind the Washington Authority through diplomatic channel. The spokesman added that this action of Nanking may be the cause of the present rumour.

In answering a question whether it is possible for China to abandon the silver standard, the spokesman said that it is quite possible in case of necessity but in the present time such action is still premature.—Wah Kiu Yat Po.

THE TESTING OF SHUTTLECOCKS

AN OFFICIAL ANNOUNCEMENT

The Committee of the Badminton Association of England view with grave concern the growing tendency—very apparent in tournaments—of many players to use shuttlecocks of less than regulation speed.

With the widening international vogue of the game, it is more than ever necessary that players should be careful to use shuttlecocks that conform to the standard of speed laid down in the rules. Otherwise, in international contests, those players who have grown accustomed to using shuttlecocks of incorrect pace, will find themselves at a very grave disadvantage. For it must be pointed out, most emphatically, that where opponents disagree in the choice of shuttlecocks, the umpire must, of course, decide in favour of the players whose choice is in conformity with the rules.

It is obvious, therefore, that if English players continue in the habit of using shuttlecocks of incorrect speed, they will be greatly handicapped when meeting players from other countries, who desire (and are entitled) to play with shuttlecocks of regulation pace.

The Committee do not desire to interfere, unless compelled to do so, with the discretion of players in selecting the shuttlecocks they use. But if players do not exercise that discretion in a reasonable and proper way, the Committee will feel obliged to lay down stringent regulations as to the manner in which shuttlecocks shall be selected—even to the point of taking the selections out of the hands of the players themselves.

In their own interests, therefore, as well as for the general welfare of the game, players are urged, most earnestly, to restrict themselves to the use of shuttlecocks which conform absolutely to the official regulations as to speed; and so render it unnecessary for the Committee to make new and stringent regulations in regard to the matter.

Herald Cup "Sunday"

To-Day's International Tournament

(By "Linesman")

All roads for soccer fans will lead to-day either to the Kowloon Football Club ground or the Club ground at Happy Valley where the International Tournament games for the "Sunday Herald" cup between Portugal and Wales and England and China respectively will be decided.

The main attraction will undoubtedly be that between the Chinese and England with China starting favourites. The Chinese team calls for little comment, while England has a powerful combination with Pardoe, of the Gunners, in the pivot position.

The Portuguese team is, in my opinion, not a strong as it might have been. E. M. Marques has been selected to guard the goal but I would rather have seen U. B. Sousa, of the Radio, between the sticks. I was surprised that Marques was given precedence.

The selection of the right half position also leaves room for mild criticism. Delgado is not as good as S. Reed, of University, Victor of St. Joseph's or Goncalves, Recife. However, I have not yet seen the Welsh team so would not care to predict a result either way. Nevertheless there is promise of a good game.

Holiday Cricket

I.R.C. INTER-CLUB MATCH

An enjoyable inter-club match between two teams captained by F. D. Pereira and A. R. Minu was played on the Indian Recreation Club ground yesterday afternoon, resulting in a win for the former's team by 73 runs.

Taking first lease of the wicket, F. D. Pereira's eleven compiled 158 runs for seven wickets. Y. el Arculli played an invaluable innings for 30 runs at a critical

ENGLISH TENNIS RANKINGS

(Continued from Page 8.)

Losses

Lost to V. H. McGrath, Melbourne, 7-5 6-4.
Lost to A. K. Quist, Adelaide, 5-6 6-3 6-3.
Lost to C. E. Hare, Middlesex v. War.
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Lost to G. de Stefani, Paris, 6-2 1-6 2-7 6-2.
Lost to G. P. Hughes, Auckland, N.Z. Exhibition, 6-4 2-6 6-3.

AUSTIN'S FIGURES

H. W. Austin's principal victories and losses were as follows:

Victories

W. Hines, Deaulieu, 6-0 6-4.
M. Elmer, Deaulieu, 6-1 6-2.
R. Gaborie, Deaulieu, 6-0 6-2.
H. Journu, Deaulieu, 6-0 6-0 6-1.
F. Serrero, Monte Carlo, 6-0 6-2.
H. J. Brunen, Monte Carlo, 6-2 6-3.
H. Menet, Monte Carlo, 6-2 6-2 5-1 ret'd.
G. de Stefani, Monte Carlo, 6-1 6-6 6-4.
H. A. Merlis, I.C. Match, Paris, 6-1 7-5.
H. Benari, I.C. Match, Paris, 6-2 6-1.
H. G. Gaborie, Paris, 6-2 6-3 6-2.
H. J. Arrens, Paris, 6-4 6-0 6-3.
H. R. Ritsman, Beckenham, 6-1 6-0.
H. L. Sham, Beckenham, 6-2 6-1.
H. R. Milt, Beckenham, 6-2 6-2 6-2.
H. J. Vollum, Beckenham, 6-0 6-2.
H. J. Yamagishi, Beckenham, 6-2 6-0.
H. M. Hearn, Wimbledon, 6-1 6-1 6-2.
H. G. Winn, C.C. Championships, Queen's, 6-2 6-2 6-0.
H. J. Sham, C.C. Championships, Queen's, 6-2 6-2 6-0.
H. P. D. Spencer, C.C. Championships, Queen's, 6-2 6-1 6-2.
H. D. Penn, C.C. Championships, Queen's, 6-2 6-1 6-2.
H. J. Boudry, C.C. Championships, Queen's, 6-2 6-1 6-2.
H. T. Huchan, Amsterdam, 6-1 6-1.
H. A. Lacroix, Amsterdam, 6-2 6-2.

Losses

Lost to C. Housman, Paris, 5-7 6-2 6-2 6-6.
Lost to F. X. Shields, Wimbledon, 4-6 6-6 7-5 6-3 7-5.
Lost to J. Borotra, I.C. Match, Queen's, 6-0 6-4.

stage in the game, while A. Baker top-scored with 37 not out before the innings was declared closed. M. el Arculli captured three wickets for 30 runs.

Minu's eleven were dismissed for 85 runs, M. el Arculli contributing 37 and M. P. Madar 22. A. K. Ismail, who captured four wickets for 35, performed the 'hat-trick', his victims being Afzal, Kitchell and Minu.

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JAPAN'S POLICY

CHINA MILITARY ATTACHES STAGE CONFERENCE

Shanghai, Dec. 24.

Another conference of Japanese Military Officers in China will be called here in the future it is reported in Japanese circles to-day.

All military attaches belonging to different Japanese Consulates on the China coast are required to attend the conference, while the Kwantung Army will be represented by their Chief-of-Staff.

It will be recalled that a similar meeting of Japanese Military Officials in China was called here some time ago.—Wah Kiu Yat Po.

STAR OF BETHLEHEM

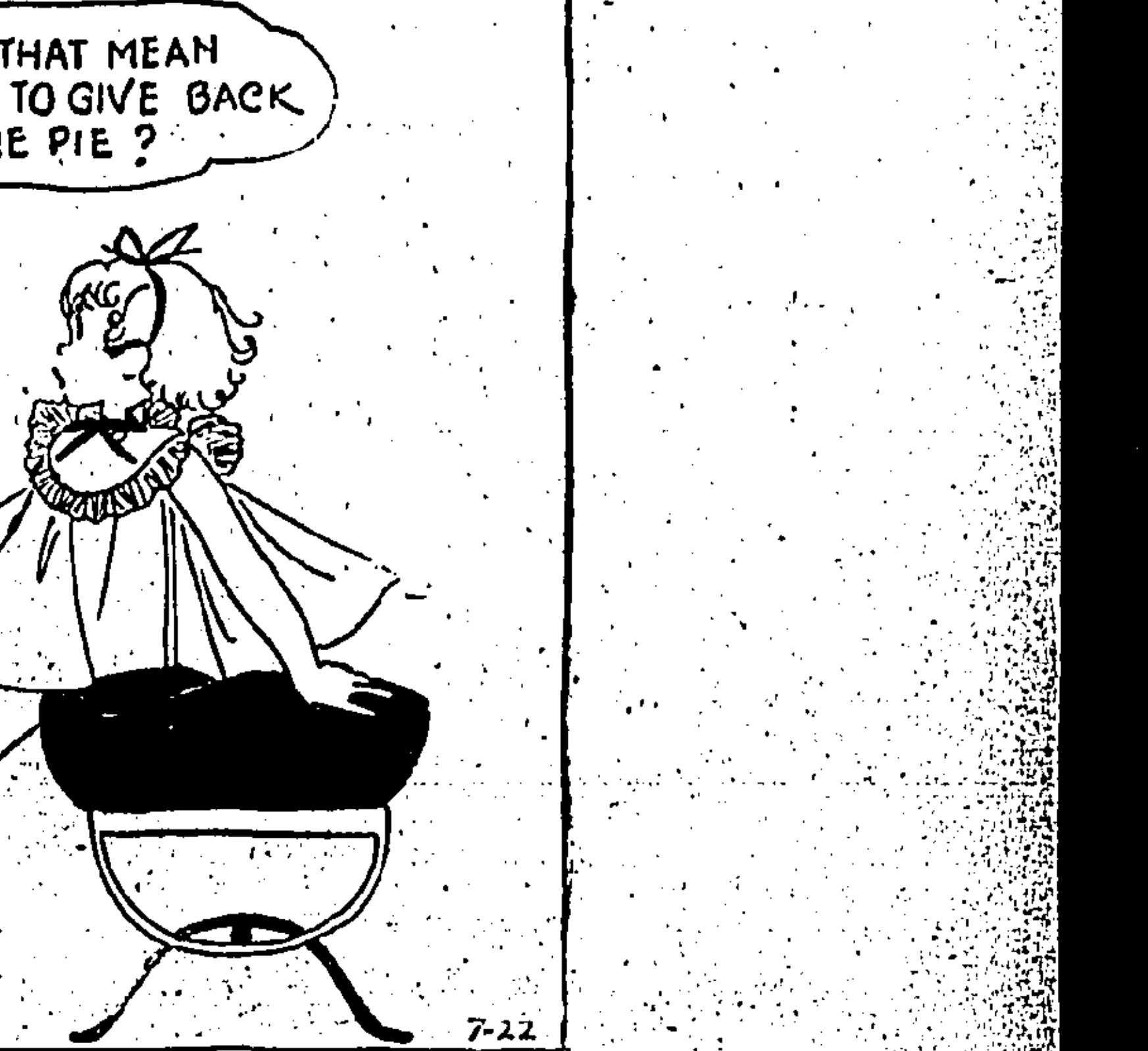
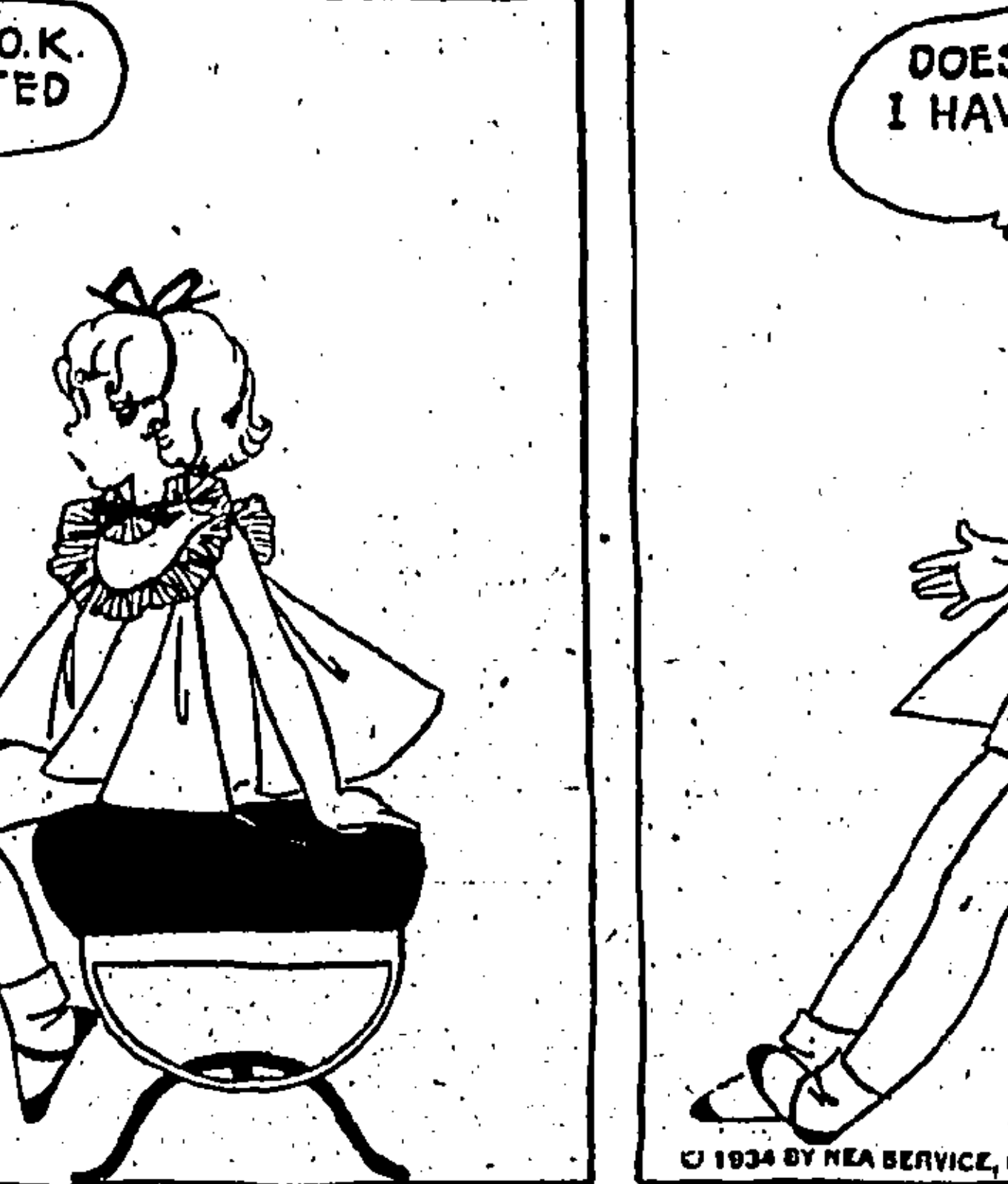
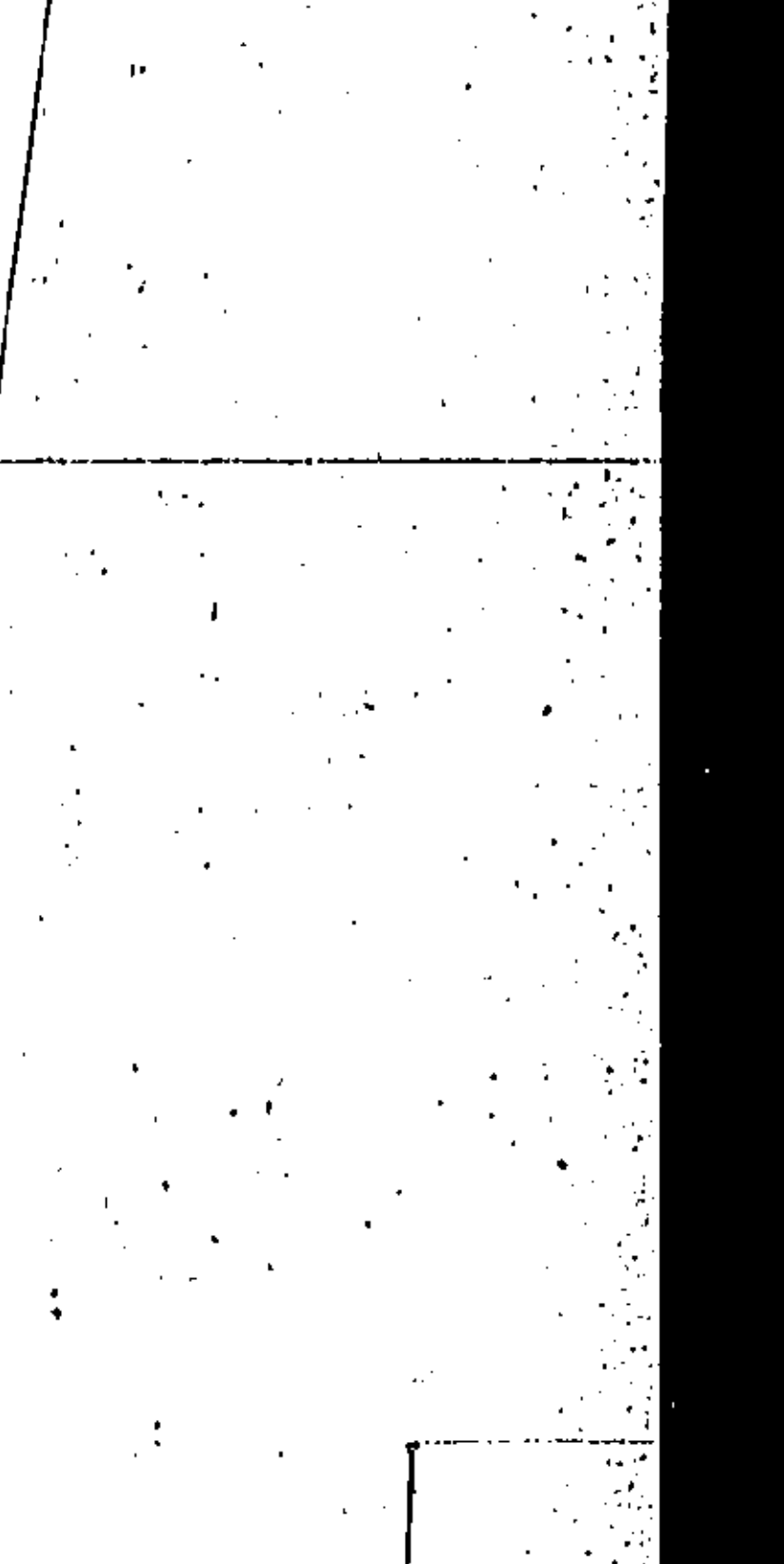
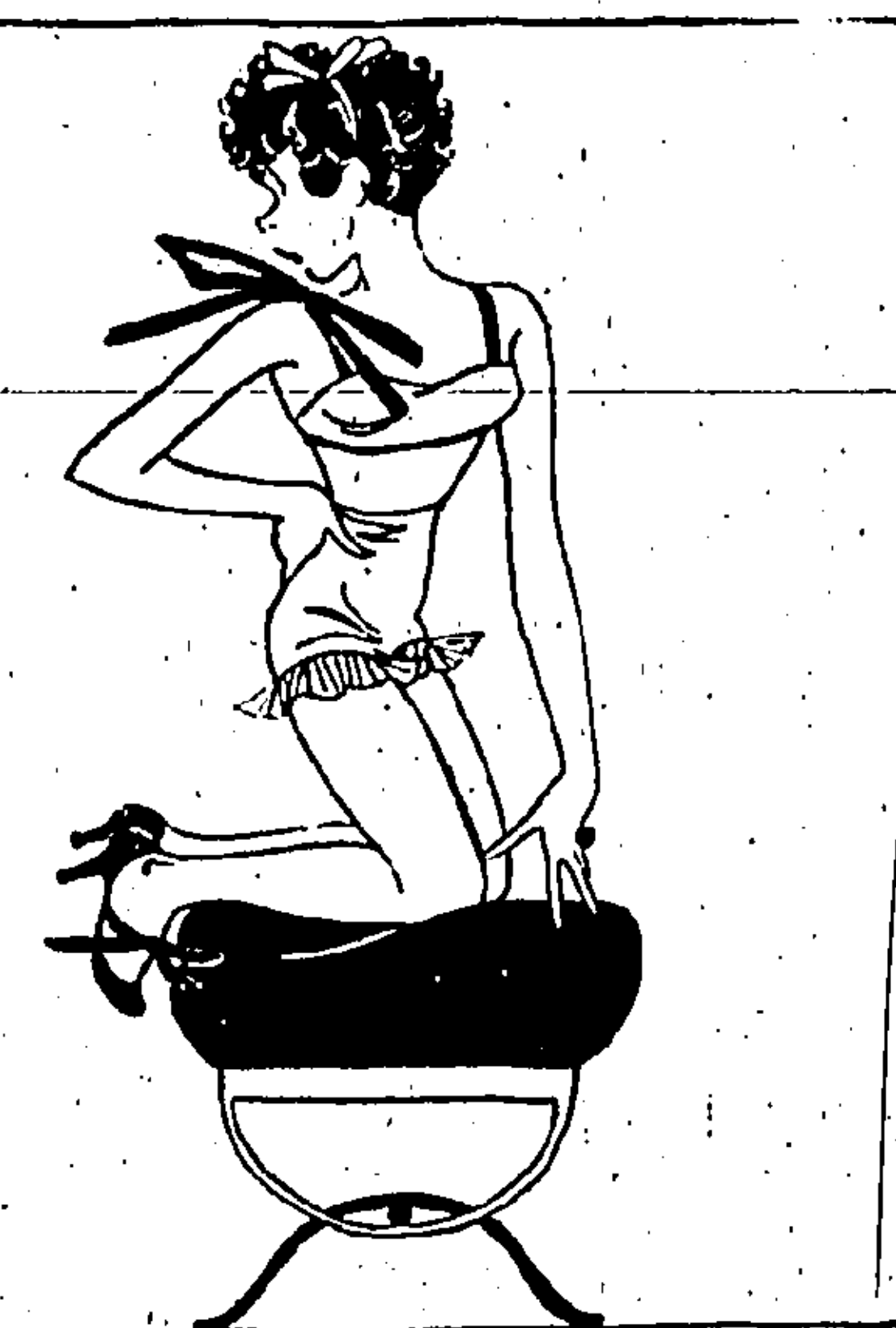
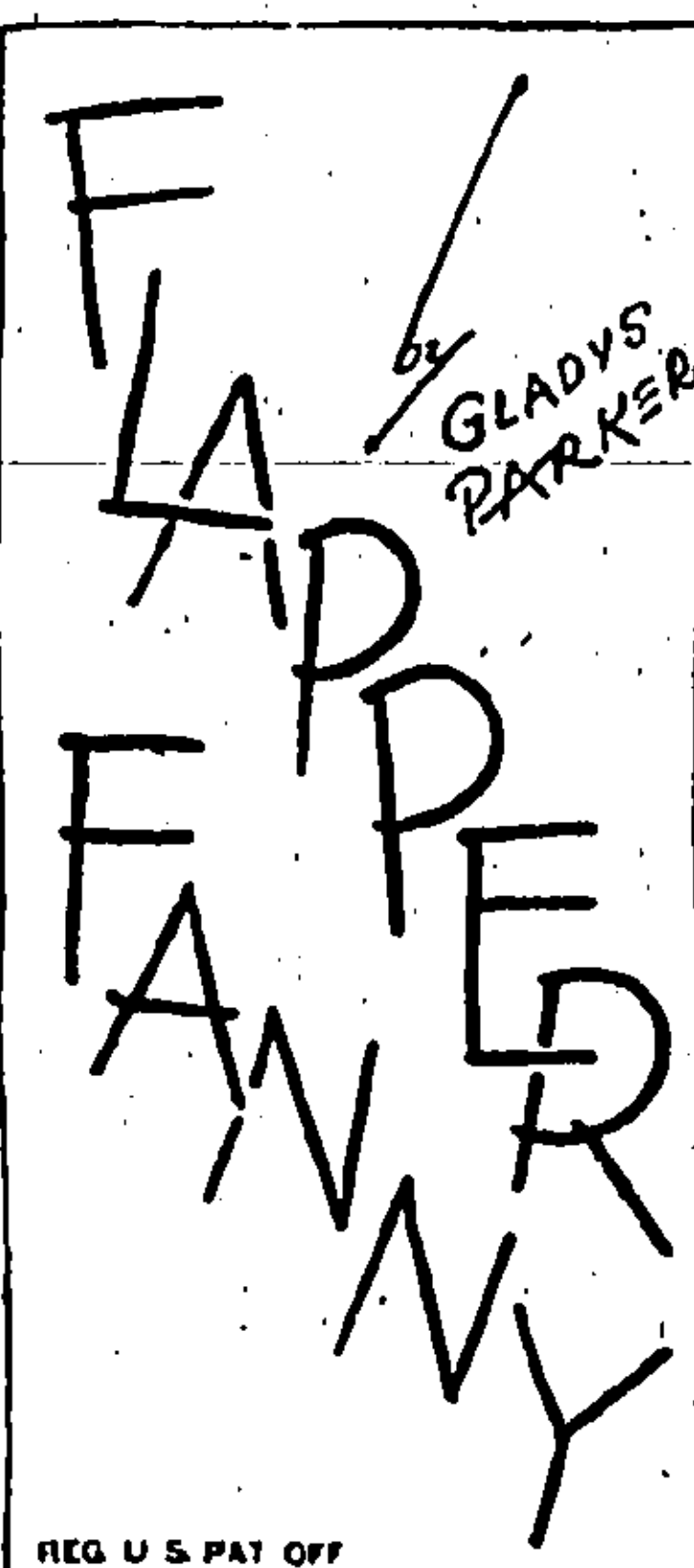
POETIC DESCRIPTION FOR NEW STAR

London, Dec. 24.

"The Star of Bethlehem" has dawned anew" is a poetic description given to the new star, noted a fortnight ago by an amateur astronomer in Suffolk.

The Harvard Observatory records that during the past two days the star has attained unusual brilliance and is now among the twelve brightest.

Its distance from the earth is calculated to be 1,500 light years. The explosion which caused such sudden brilliance coincides with the fall of the Roman Empire.—Reuter.



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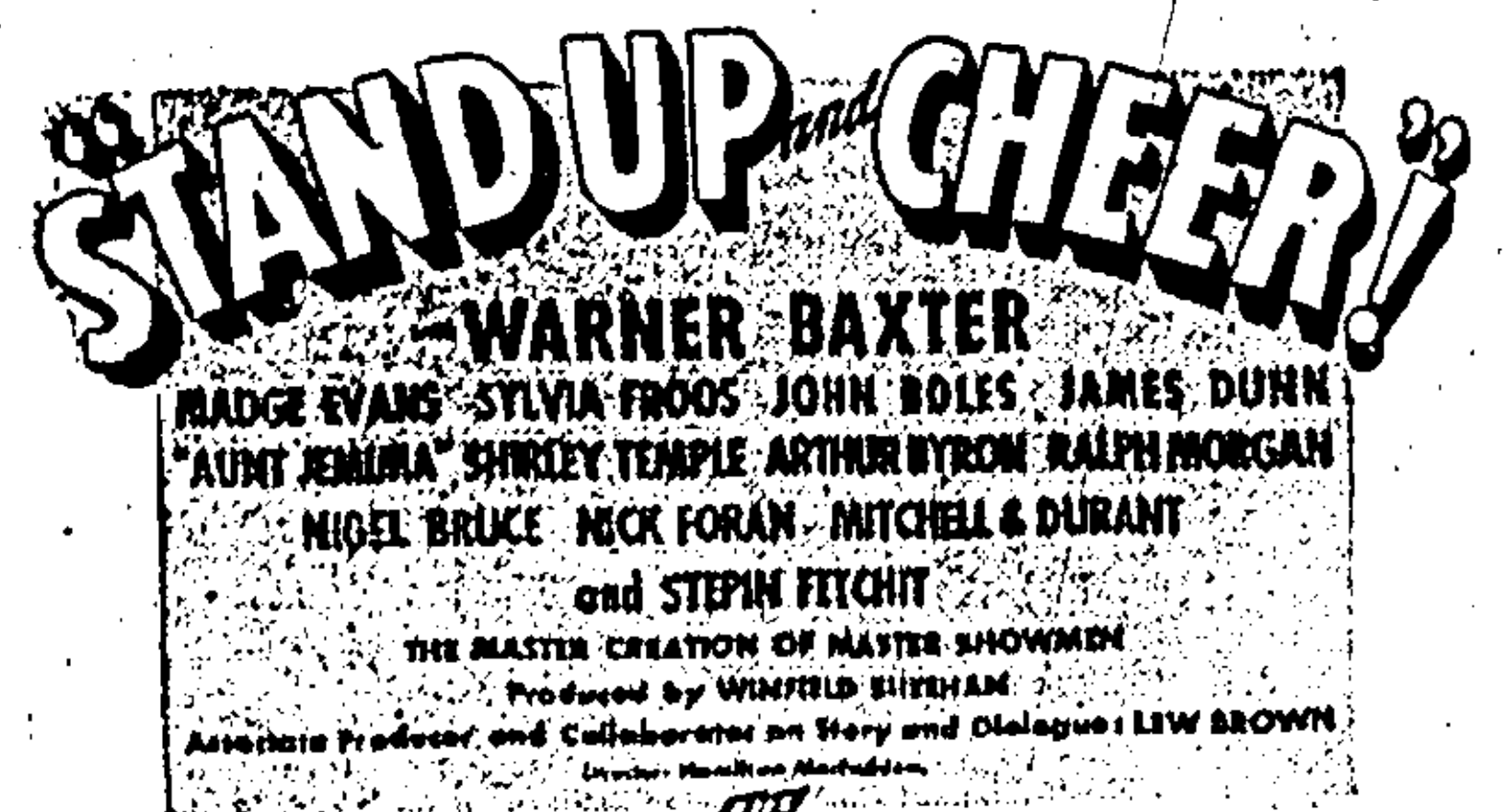


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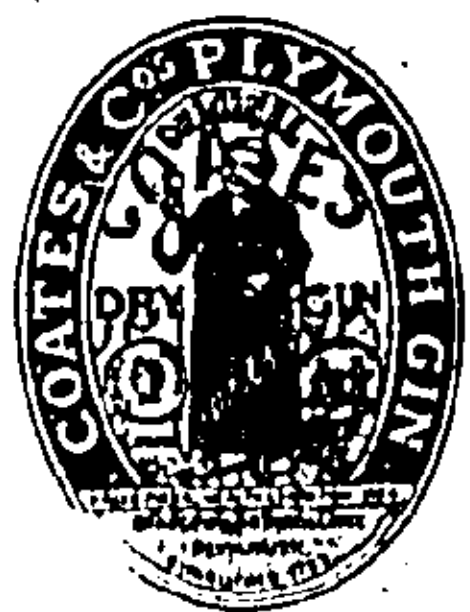
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BIRTH CONCEALED

MARRIED WOMAN SENTENCED TO THREE MONTHS

"This crime will meet punishment wherever it arises so long as I am on the Bench," said Mr. W. Schofield, at the Central Magistracy on Monday, when passing sentence of three months' hard labour on Chiu Heung-tai aged 44, married woman, residing at No. 566 Queen's Road West, charged with concealing the birth of a child between December 5 and December 10.

The case attracted a great deal of interest among the Chinese, and the Court room was filled when the woman made her appearance yesterday. At the first hearing two weeks ago, she was not present in Court, being under medical observation.

Baby Stillborn

Defendant admitted the charge, and Mr. Schofield passing sentence said: "In this case, I understand that the facts tend to show that the child was born dead, and the woman herself states that the

FRENCH BUDGET

PEACEFUL APPROVAL BY THE CHAMBER

Paris, Dec. 24. Parliament to-day peacefully approved the Budget which estimates revenue at \$625,000,000 and expenditure at \$640,000,000. Parliament then dispersed for the holidays.—Reuter.

child was stillborn. There is no evidence to the contrary, and there is a small amount of evidence to show it was so.

"The case is unusual, and in view of the great mischief that might follow from cases of this kind, I consider the woman should be punished. After taking everything into consideration, I am of the opinion that she should go to prison for three months with hard labour."

No facts were divulged by Inspector Elston, but the case first came to the attention of the Police when inmates on the ground floor of No. 566 Queen's Road West, found human bones which had been forced down the drain pipe. The gruesome discovery was communicated to the Police, and investigations resulted in the detention of the defendant, who resided on the first floor.

SEAMEW BACK IN COLONY

DAMAGE REPORTED NOT LARGE

H.M.S. Seamew, the river gunboat which ran aground near Mahau whilst doing piracy patrol in a thick fog along the West River early on Saturday morning, returned to Hongkong last night under her own power.

H.M.S. Robin and H.M.S. Cicada had stood by the ship whilst a salvage lighter despatched from the Naval Dockyard effected temporary repairs.

The Seamew was holed in the forepeak and two compartments were flooded, but the damage is reported to be not considerable.

MEMORIALS TO DR. SUN

CANTON TO APPOINT COMMITTEE

Canton, Dec. 24.

The South-West Executive Committee of the Kuomintang has decided to establish a committee to take charge of all buildings constructed in memory of the late Dr. Sun Yat-sen, such as the Chungshan Memorial Hall, the Chungshan Monument, and the Chungshan Library, and to collect and preserve relics of the late leader.

Messrs. Hsiao Fu-chien, Chow Lu, Lin Yuen-kai, Yin Yih-chung, and Chen Yiu-woon have been appointed to make preparations. The proposed committee is expected to be inaugurated some time next month.—Central Press.

Mrs. Roosevelt In Politics

DEFENDS CONTRACT FOR AIRCRAFT

(Special to "Telegraph")

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Washington, Dec. 24. Despite the fact that she ardently advocates old age pensions, Mrs. Roosevelt, wife of the President, condemns those who would fight against a contract for the supply

"TELEGRAPH'S" NEW SERIAL

"Lovable" Starting On Thursday

"Lovable," a real action treat, with three heroines, is the next serial story of which the rights have been secured by the Telegraph. It will start in our issue of Thursday. Written by Mary Raymond, the story is full of youthful romantic adventure and will make a wide appeal to lovers of modern fiction. Start reading it in Thursday's Telegraph and make a point of following the entangling of the lives of three girls on which the story is based.

The contract, let recently, calls for delivery of 71 machines, of the observation type, at a cost of \$1,055,394. It has been argued that the country cannot afford to pay old age pensions, and exponents of that plan declare that it would be better to put to such a purpose money at present being expended on fighting aeroplanes.—United Press.

PRISON FOR PATRICIDE

GIRL'S SENTENCE COMMUTED

(Special to "Telegraph")

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Paris, Dec. 24.

President Lebrun to-day signed the commutation of the death sentence of Violette Noziers.

The girl, who murdered her father to secure his savings and spend a few days in revelry and luxury in Paris and Marseilles, admitted the crime. She will spend her life in prison.—United Press.

YUNGTING RIVER CONSERVANCY

CHINA TO IMPROVE WATERWAYS

Tientsin, Dec. 25.

The Chinese National Economic Council has resolved to appropriate \$3,400,000 to be paid in several instalments, for financing the conservancy programme of the Yungting River in Hopel, which is a chronic problem for shipping.

The local foreign consular body held a meeting last night in connection with this problem. It was resolved at the meeting that the Chinese authorities be urged to carry out the fundamental conservancy plan of the Yungting River and other water courses for the benefit of shipping interests.—Central Press.

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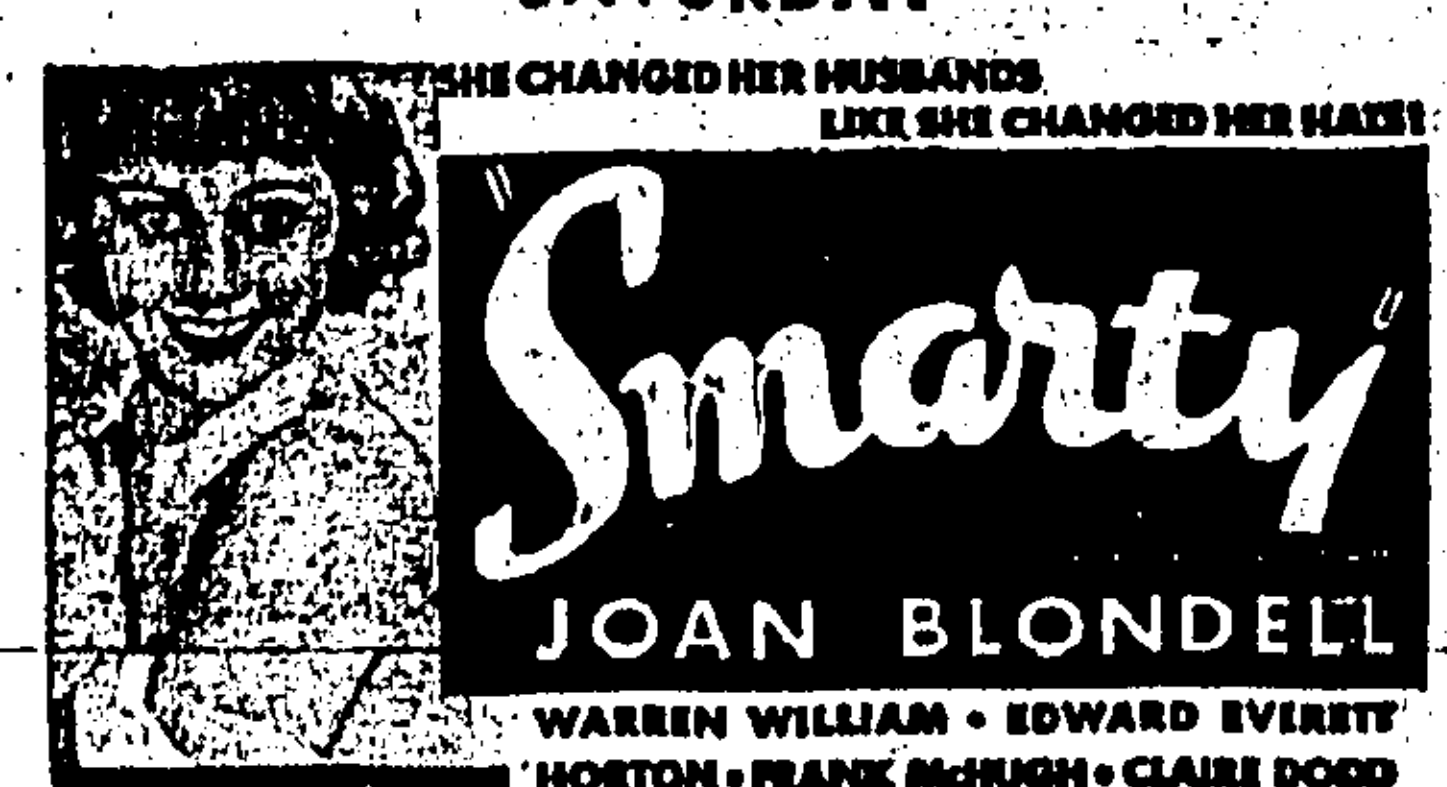
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